

Witnessing

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Live the New Life

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“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:19.

Content, Cross-References, Context, Consensus

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Fisher of men *who are there to be fished* as the disciples testify in Mark 1:37 ***“And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee”*** and as the Lord Himself promises in John 12:32 ***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”***

To follow the Lord Jesus Christ to fish for or to draw men to Him requires the same level of life commitment that the Lord manifested in John 10:17-18 ***“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father”*** and required of His followers as He testifies in Luke 9:23 ***“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”***

Paul, John and the Lord Himself testify to the joy that results from the commitment to follow the Lord in order to fish for men that the Lord honours.

“...we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man...Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” Hebrews 2:9, 12:2.

“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” Luke 15:10.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” 3 John 4.

The Lord said ***“I will make you fishers of men.”*** The Lord does so by *comfort* and *chastening* for a good outcome together with *prior preparation*. That is the old Forces adage that *Prior Preparation Prevents Pitifully Poor Performance*. It is a little stronger in the original though still alliterative.

“...the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name...shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” John 14:26.

“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?...For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness” Hebrews 12:6-7, 10.

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” Ephesians 6:13-17.

Prior Preparation practically speaking is as follows:

- A 30 second max. summary testimony on life before coming to Christ, believing on Christ, life since believing on Christ e.g. *Before I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ I was fixated on my studies in order to become a Chemical Engineer. Then when I was a final year student aged twenty at the University of New South Wales I was witnessed to by two Christian post-graduate students about Jesus Christ having died for me on the but rising again and I came to know the Lord through His promise of John 6:37 “...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” That was in July 1967 and since then I can testify that whatever the situation God gets you through so “...unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen” Philippians 4:20*
- Selected Chick tracts www.chick.com/catalog/languageavailability.asp?Dec=1034
- A gospel graphic e.g. *The Bridge* bible.org/seriespage/3-bridge.

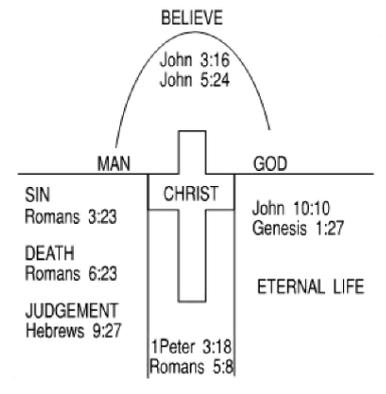
The context of Matthew 4:19 is the all-important necessity of an obedient heart in response to the Lord’s call. **“And they straightway left their nets, and followed him...And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him”** Matthew 4:20, 22.

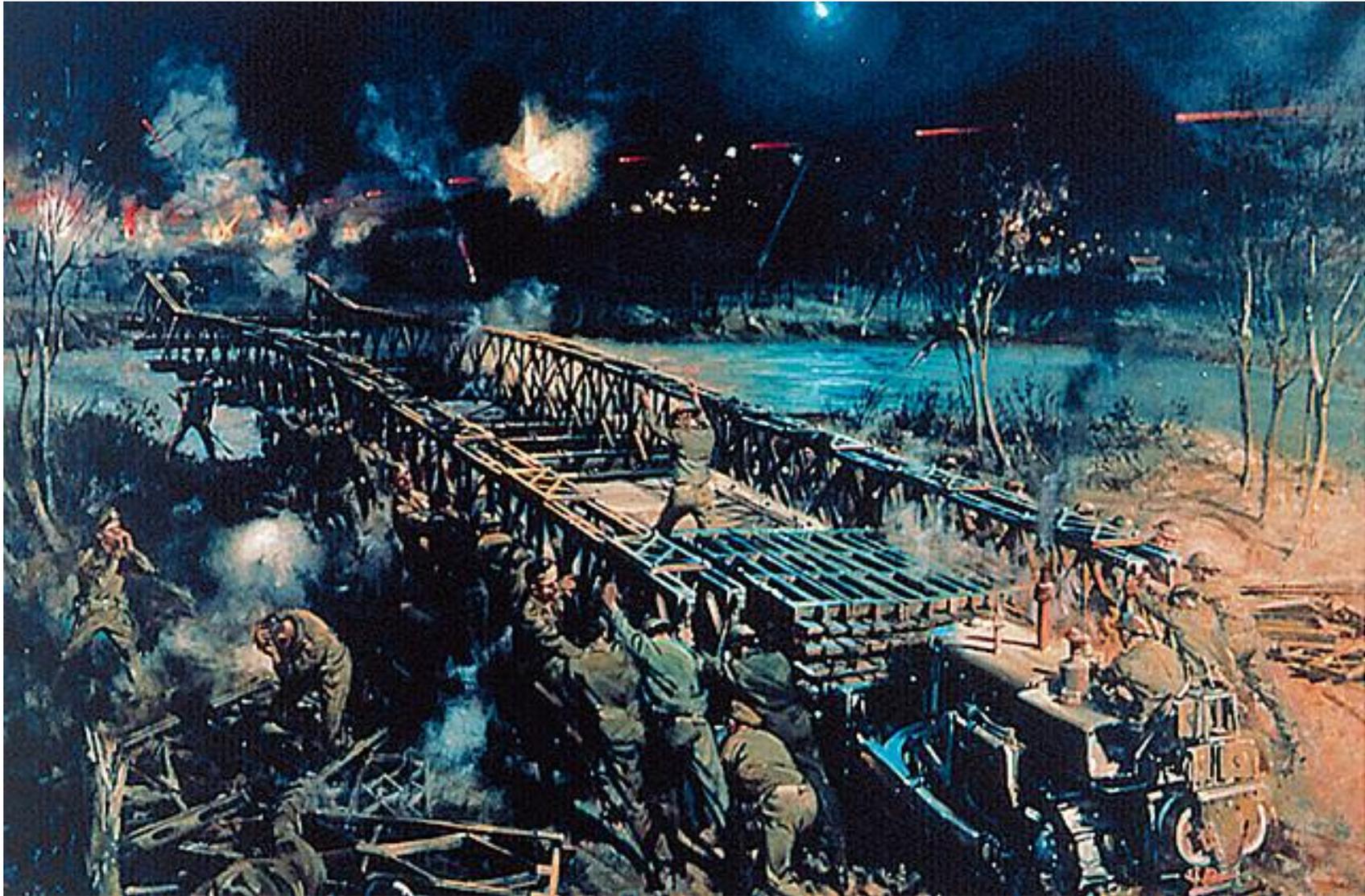
In sum Matthew 4:19 in context is a vivid depiction of Luke 14:26-27 **“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”**

Conclusion

DV this writer in the light of 3 John 4 **“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth”** that is a victorious outcome of Matthew 4:19 will now text his immediate family a V42d Verse for today day by day. This day’s verse is Isaiah 12:2 **“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.”**

The Bridge is also as follows. See over-page. It is what today’s believer does **“by the grace of God”** 1 Corinthians 15:10 against **“the fiery darts of the wicked”** Ephesians 6:16 all around with respect to the unsaved **“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me”** Acts 26:18 **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins”** Colossians 1:13-14.





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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” Romans 1:16.

Content, Cross-References, Context, Consensus

These extracts from www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Romans 1 Part 1* p 4, *Romans 1-11 – Summary Thoughts* p 4 provide sufficient consideration for this study for Romans 1:16 with respect to *Content, Cross-References, Context, Consensus*.

7. *In what sense is the gospel* powerful (Romans 1:16)?*

*This is explicitly ***“the gospel of Christ”*** Romans 1:16.

“the gospel of Christ” is powerful because it does away with death and brings forth life eternal as Paul explains. ***“the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ...hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”*** 2 Timothy 1:10.

Why shouldn't we be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16)?*

*This is explicitly ***“the gospel of Christ”*** Romans 1:16.

The Lord Jesus Christ was not ashamed. ***“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”*** Hebrews 12:2.

8. *In what sense is the gospel* universal (Romans 1:16)?*

*This is explicitly ***“the gospel of Christ”*** Romans 1:16.

In what sense is it limited?

Paul answers both questions as follows. ***“For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe”*** 1 Timothy 4:10.

9. *How is the righteousness of God revealed in the gospel* (Romans 1:17)?*

This is explicitly ***“the gospel of Christ”*** Romans 1:16.

The revelation is ***“from faith to faith”*** Romans 1:17 in that ***“The just shall by faith”*** Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38 instead of ***“the just shall live by his faith”*** Habakkuk 2:4. Habakkuk 2:4 refers to men believing what God said and acting in obedience to God in accordance with *their* faith that God would do what he said e.g. ***“And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch...Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he”*** Genesis 6:13-14, 22.

Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38 refer to the *gift* of ***“the faith of Jesus Christ”*** Galatians 2:16 by which the individual willing to receive it is enabled to believe ***“the gospel of the grace of God”*** Acts 20:24 as Paul states further about the *gift* of ***“the faith of Jesus Christ”*** and exercising it on receipt of it. ***“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus”*** Galatians 3:22, 26.

A key prayer therefore for any witnessee* would therefore be that he be *willing* to *receive* and to *exercise* the *gift* of ***“the faith of Jesus Christ”*** Galatians 2:16 in order to believe ***“the gospel of the grace of God”*** Acts 20:24 and thereby be reconciled to Him. *Person witnessed to.

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God” 2 Corinthians 5:20...

7. **Romans 1:13-17.** Paul’s focus here is **“to preach...the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith”** Romans 1:15-17, that is from Habakkuk 2:4 **“by his faith”** to **“by faith”** Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38 that is **“...the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”** Galatians 2:20.

“The gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth” Romans 1:16 because **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”** Acts 4:12.

“The gospel of Christ” is the particular Gospel for the Church Age. It is the Gospel that today’s believer should preach according to Acts 1:8 **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

...Note Paul’s evaluation of **“the gospel of Christ”** Romans 1:16 that should always be kept in mind.

“But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ” Galatians 1:11-12.

See for further detail on the words **“of Christ”** Romans 1:16 these extracts over-page without change of format from the summary study www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Ten Gospels – or Twelve*, **Romans 1 and the Gospel of Christ** pp 1, 5-6.

Conclusion

An ongoing prayer for today’s believer in order to be **“not ashamed of the gospel of Christ”** Romans 1:16 is as Paul urged for himself and others to be **“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel...that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak”** Ephesians 6:18-20.

Romans 1 and the Gospel of Christ

Introduction

Romans 1:16 reads ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”***

Popular modern versions such as the NIVs cut the words ***“of Christ”*** out of Romans 1:16 and create the misleading impression that the scripture contains only one gospel. This is not so.

This work shows that ***“the gospel of Christ”*** is one of a number of gospels that the scripture reveals and that cutting the words ***“of Christ”*** out of Romans 1:16 is traceable to corrupt sources that embody the texts of Rome and Watchtower. Paul’s admonition should there be obeyed.

“But prove all things: hold fast that which is good” 1 Thessalonians 5:21...

“The gospel of Christ” Romans 1:16

The evidence in favour of the AV1611 reading ***“the gospel of Christ”*** Romans 1:16 against the modern omission of ***“of Christ”*** is overwhelming and is summarised below. See this extract from *KJO Review Full Text - White’s fraudulent claims against the 1611 Holy Bible refuted in detail!* pp 359, 378 www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php.

Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

The RV, Nestle, NASV, both versions, NIV, both versions, omit ***“of Christ.”*** Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, Alford and Wordsworth [unsaved 19th century Greek New Testament editors *The Interlinear Greek-English New Testament, Stephens’s 1550 Edition*, edited by George Ricker Berry, Eye Opener Publishers, first published, 1897] likewise each omit the words. White [*The King James Only Controversy* by James White] ^{p 176} assures his readers that *“the modern versions are following the most ancient manuscripts while recognising the tendency toward expansion that is found in the Byzantine manuscripts [unproven by White or anyone else].”* He is confident that because *“the phrase “the gospel of Christ” ...appears eight times in the NIV [and NASV] translation of the New Testament [the actual “New Testament” between two covers remains unidentified] ...again there is no logical reason to impute evil motives to these translations.”* [The JR 1582 Jesuit-Rheims NT, DR 1749-1752 Douay-Rheims Challoner’s Revision, JB Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles, 1984, 2013 NWTs New World Translations cut ***“of Christ”*** from Romans 1:16]

The expression ***“the gospel of Christ”*** occurs 11 times in the New Testament; Romans 1:16, 15:19, 29 – see below, 1 Corinthians 9:12, 18, 2 Corinthians 4:4, 9:13, 10:14, Galatians 1:7, Philippians 1:27, 1 Thessalonians 3:2. In addition to the omission in Romans 1:16, the NIV, NASV omit ***“of the gospel”*** in Romans 15:29. They also alter ***“the glorious gospel of Christ”*** to the obscure expression *“the gospel of the glory of Christ”* in 2 Corinthians 4:4.

White therefore fails to inform his readers that the modern translators removed or altered over a quarter of the references to this phrase in the New Testament, including to 2 of its 3 occurrences the Book of Romans, the central Book in the New Testament on Christian salvation. Whatever the motives of the modern translators, the *results* of their motives are certainly evil...

White’s next verse is Romans 1:16, where he [*The King James Only Controversy*] ^{p 176, 190} seeks to defend the omission of ***“of Christ”*** by the NASV, NIV because they *“are following the most ancient manuscripts...P 26, 8, A, B, C, D* [original reading], G and others.”* See comments above.

Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, Alford and Wordsworth [*The Interlinear Greek-English New Testament, Stephens’s 1550 Edition*] omit ***“of Christ”*** and in turn influence Westcott and Hort to omit the phrase from their RV and Nestle to do likewise.

Dr Moorman [*Early Manuscripts and the Authorized Version, A Closer Look!* B.F.T. #1825 by Jack A. Moorman, *The Bible for Today*, 1990] shows that D with a correction, K, L, P, Ψ have the AV1611 reading along with the majority of the manuscripts but the 3 extant Old Latin sources, the Vulgate and Peshitta Syriac omit **“of Christ,”** which would explain why Wycliffe also omits **“of Christ”** in Romans 1:16 [thebiblecorner.com/englishbibles/index.html] *The Bible Corner*. N.B. Site closed].

Tyndale, the Geneva and the Bishops’ nevertheless agree with the AV1611. [Currently the most helpful source for the pre-1611 Bibles is thebiblecorner.com/englishbibles/index.html] *The Bible Corner*. Coverdale, Matthew and the Great Bible contain **“of Christ”** in agreement with the AV1611]

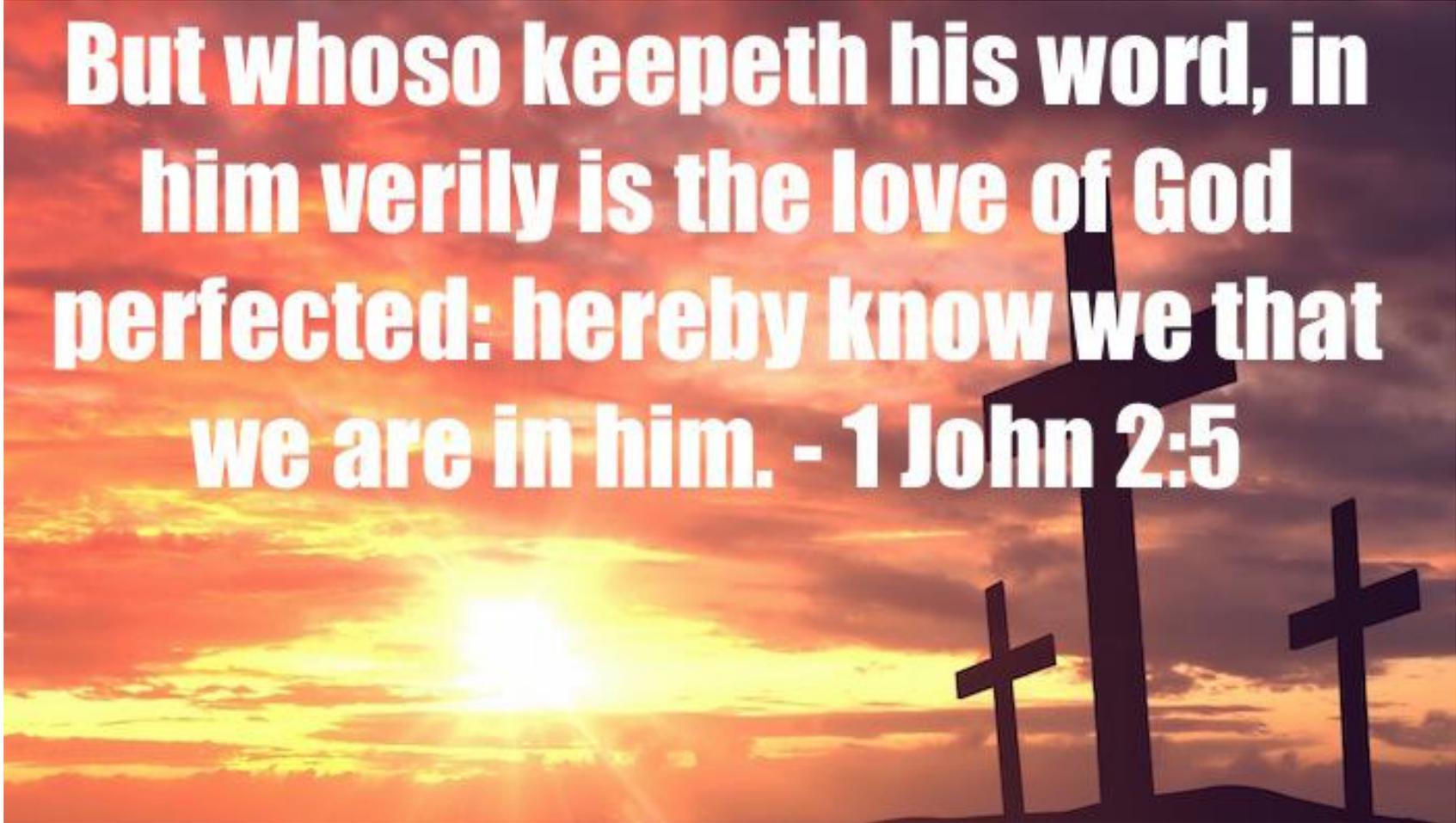
While the bulk of witnesses and the English bibles from Greek sources support the AV1611, confirmation that the AV1611 reading is correct stems from the verse itself, especially insofar as Paul warned in his letters of **“another gospel”** 2 Corinthians 11:4, Galatians 1:16. Of which gospel is Paul not ashamed? It is **“the gospel of Christ”** that Paul also calls **“the gospel of his Son”** in Romans 1:9. Omission of **“of Christ”** in verse 16 clearly gives rise to a contradiction in terms unworthy of the apostle Paul and the resulting modern reading, which White favours, is therefore in error.

Conclusion

As indicated above, whoever condones the NIVs’ etc. cutting **“of Christ”** from Romans 1:16 **“hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace”** Hebrews 10:29. He reveals that he does not love the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what he professes to the contrary and is lukewarm even about his own eternal security.

“But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him” 1 John 2:5.

See graphic and for examples of witnessing see study that then follows **Jelly Babies and Aliens etc. Evangelism**.

A sunset scene with three crosses on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the sky. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

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Jelly Babies and Aliens etc. Evangelism

Jelly Babies Evangelism

This item has been inserted as a summary testimony from this writer with respect to *The Real World of the Lost** locally. It happened in February 2016.

*www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Poison, DIY Versions and the Real World of the Lost* pp 7-16

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This morning I was waiting for Gill outside the gym when a young lass, obviously a 6th Form student i.e. high school senior walked past. She smiled at me and politely said “Good morning,” to which I responded in like manner. However, I thought this most unusual. Then I remembered that last November, while I was taking part in the church’s open air work, when I had given many Chick tracts to the local high school seniors, one student, a girl, had kindly rewarded me with a jelly baby. See graphic. I believe that was the young lady who greeted me this morning, evidently having remembered me.



We can pray that **“the words of the LORD”** Exodus 4:28, 24:3, 4, Numbers 11:24, Joshua 3:9, 24:27, 1 Samuel 8:10, 15:1, 2 Chronicles 11:4, 29:15, Psalm 12:6, Jeremiah 36:4, 6, 8, 11, 37:2, 43:1, Amos 8:11 (18 occurrences in all) will do their work in the hearts and minds of these young folk.

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” Isaiah 55:11.

Strictly speaking, I wasn’t supposed to be handing out Chick tracts in that situation. The reason I broke the rules is as follows. See **Jack T. Chick on Witnessing** www.chick.com/default.asp.

Whatever means we use, rules or no rules, it’s a reminder to use what time we have left **“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil”** Ephesians 5:16.

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” John 9:4.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ
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Dear Ones in Christ:

As a new Christian, I was shocked. It was 1948, and I had just been saved listening to Charles E. Fuller's Old Fashioned Revival Hour. I ran into some high school buddies at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles. I thought they had just gotten saved, too. But then came the surprise.

They told me they had known the Lord since they were 9 and 10 years old. I said, "Jim, when we were playing handball back in High School, why didn't you tell me about Jesus? I could have been killed in New Guinea or in Okinawa, and would have gone straight to hell." He replied, "Jack, we talked it over, whether or not to tell you about Jesus, and decided you would be the last guy on earth to receive Him." I was speechless. I felt betrayed. If I had died, my blood would have been on their hands.

I wonder how many souls *I've* overlooked and neglected: neighbors, friends, etc. It's an awesome thought. Ezekiel 3:18 says, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." That is an awesome verse.

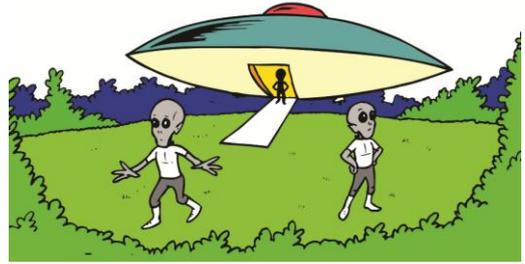
May God give us a greater burden to reach a dying world, and to remember we will give an account at the Judgment Seat of Christ for what we did down here.

Your brother in Christ,

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Aliens etc. Evangelism

The other week it was Jelly Babies Evangelism. Today it is Aliens etc. Evangelism as you see. This afternoon I was coming out of the back entrance of the church after having gone in to collect a couple of Bible study question sheets. The answers to those done thus far are here www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/.



See www.clipartbest.com/clipart-KcnreBdcq.

A young man, about 20 I would guess, walked past. From his paint-stained and tattered clothes plus a cap, I'd have guessed that he worked for a car body repair shop. However he stopped and asked me "What is evangelical?" having seen the name of the church on the back entrance. I said it meant that the Lord Jesus Christ died for your sin on the cross, shed His blood for your sin, and rose again to give you eternal life with Him and save you from hell if you'll ask Him to save you.

He then went on for several minutes with a whole raft of questions e.g. did I believe in aliens – see title above, how did the Catholic Church start?, what about the Jehovah's Witnesses and why are there so many different churches etc., punctuated with his own somewhat colourful commentary on those questions.

He never paused long enough to receive a proper answer from me to any of his questions. He had read the Old Testament and possibly the Sermon on the Mount, saying that Jesus had come to do away with the law. I was able to correct him on that but eventually I asked him if he'd ever asked Jesus to save him. He side-stepped that saying he did believe in Jesus and I pointed out that the devils believe in Jesus too (James 2:19) but they're not saved. It has to be heart belief in Jesus, not just head belief and referring to receiving a person into your home, say, cited John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12, 6:37 [***All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out***] were the key scriptures that got me saved back in July 1967.

I asked him that if I could answer all his questions to his satisfaction, would he ask then Jesus to save him? He side-stepped that and went on talking as he'd done before.

He then said he had to get back to work, shook my hand and said it had been good talking to me. I gave him my first name but didn't get his in return. However, I had a King James New Testament in my backpack and gave him that, which he was willing to receive. It's a reminder to carry TBS John's Gospels and Chick tracts with you, which I hadn't been doing but will do now.

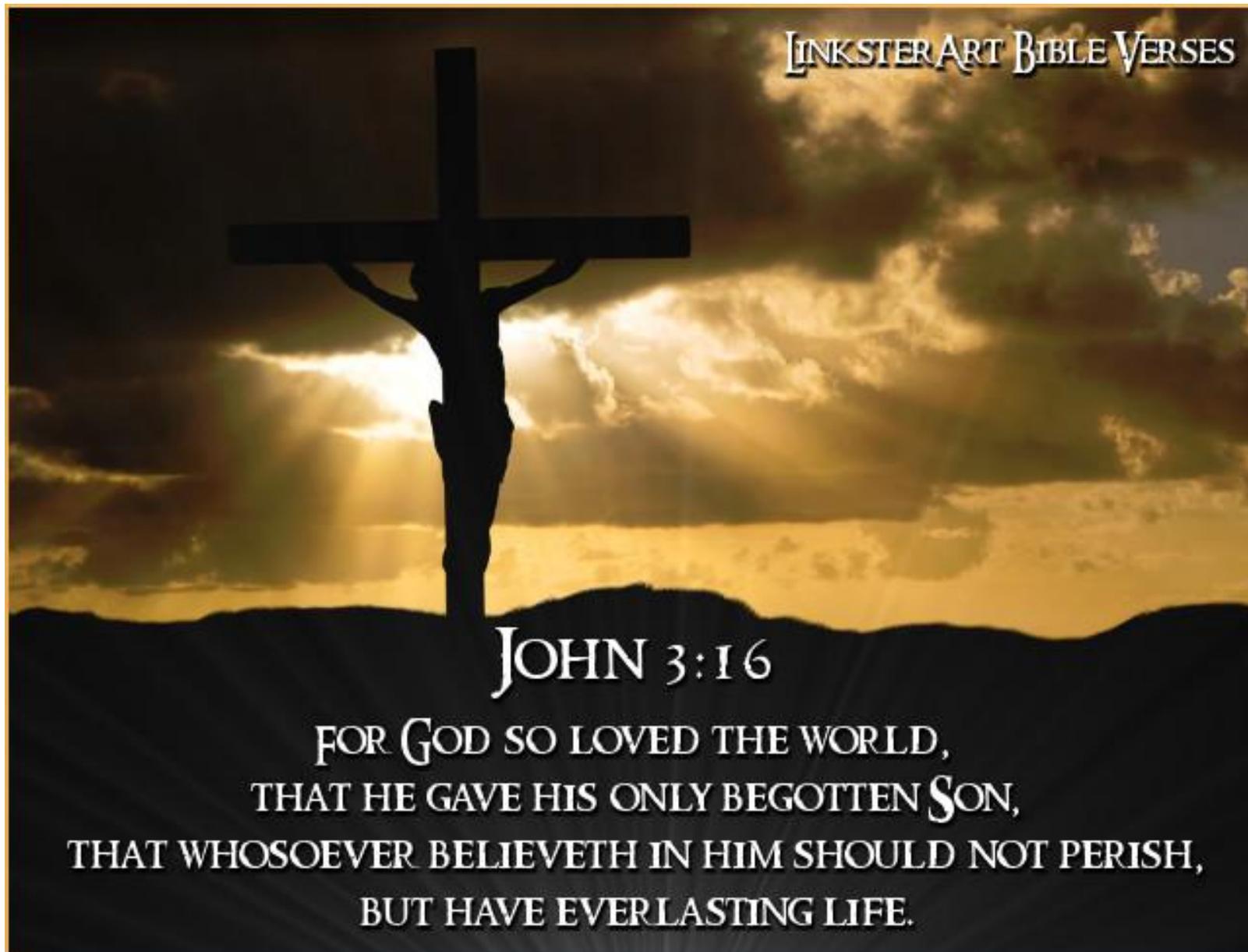
The timing was quite precise. If it had been a minute either way, we'd have missed each other. In addition, today was an unusual day. I normally get these question sheets on a Monday morning, not Thursday afternoon.

If there'd been time – or if I'd thought of it – I'd have said "I heard you out for several minutes. Now hear me out for a minute or so" and given him a brief testimony plus reiterating the Gospel and challenging him on asking Jesus to save him.

The episode was a reminder of 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ
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In sum see linksterdiversions.blogspot.co.uk/2014/04/daily-bible-verse-april-18-2014.html.



LINKSTERART BIBLE VERSES

JOHN 3:16

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH,
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.