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The good news message of Salvation Pt 5 Consequences of believing (Final)

In our previous studies on this topic we identified the gospel message for today that, when a lost man hears **this** gospel he is required to receive it, confess the Lord Jesus, and believe the message in his heart. And for those that believe **not** there are consequences now and after they die. In this teaching we establish that for those that believe there are also consequences now and after death.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. Earthly consequences for those who believe this good news message.

- i) They are "washed...from our sins in his own blood" (Rev.1: 5).
- ii) "reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (2Cor.5: 18), and justified by his blood (Rom.5: 9).
- iii) not imputed with their sin, and imputed with the righteousness of God (Rom.4: 8, 22–24).
- iv) In the body of Christ (1Cor.12: 27), and "sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Eph.1: 13).
- v) A "son" of God, (Gal.4: 6), and "if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Gal.4: 7).

2. Consequences after death for those who believe the gospel of Christ.

- i) They are "saved from wrath through him" (Rom.5: 9).
- ii) They are saved from "everlasting destruction" (2Thes.1: 9).
- iii) "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2Cor.5: 1).

Additional comments on our two points.

At Pentecost "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2: 4). Hence a consequence of being "filled with the Holy Spirit" was men spoke a language that was foreign to them, and others "heard them speak in his own language" (verse 6). But none believed the gospel of Christ crucified.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

When Roman Catholics have proof that they have the Holy Spirit of God then there is NO further discussion on whether they are Christians or not. And apparently they have such proof – "In January 1967, professors Ralph Keifer and Patrick Bourgeois attended a prayer meeting where they...received the baptism in the Holy Spirit...and spoke in tongues."

Question to think about.

Because Roman Catholics claim to have received the Holy Sprit have they established themselves as a part of the "body, the church" (Col.1: 18)?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

No, because –

- i) The prelude to receiving "the baptism in the Holy Spirit" was not belief in the gospel of Christ, as Roman Catholics believe the gospel of the kingdom.
 - ii) The consequence of believing the Roman Catholic dogma is NOT salvation from the fires of hell, but spending time in the flames of Purgatory (which is not Bible doctrine either).
 - iii) "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" is not separate to salvation but rather follows belief (Eph.1: 13).
 - vi) The consequences of believing Catholic dogma is speaking in tongues, which is specially for a Jew, and was a special gift to speak in other languages that they did not previously speak.
 - v) The evidence that a person is saved is the fruit of the Spirit which "is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance" (Gal.5: 22, 23).
- Have you received the earthly consequences of believing the gospel, and so look forward to eternal life in a mansion in heaven? Because that is the consequence of believing the gospel!