

“WORD OF LIFE”

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IN HIS DEATH

21 - Giving Himself for the Believers' Sins That He Might Rescue Them out of the Present Evil Age

GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Gal 1:4 - Who **gave Himself** for our sins that He might **rescue us out** of the **present evil age** according to the will of our God and Father,
- Gal 3:23 - But before faith came we were guarded **under law**, being shut up unto the faith which was to be revealed.
- Gal 6:14 - But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **the world** has been crucified to me and I to the world.
- Gal 6:15 - For **neither** is **circumcision** anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation *is what matters*.

THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

- An **age** is a part of the world as the **satanic system**.
 - It refers to a section, an aspect, the present or modern appearance, of the system of Satan,
 - which is used by him to usurp and occupy people and keep them away from God and His purpose
 - The **world system** of Satan has different ages, different sections.
- The **present evil age** in Gal. 1:4, **refers** to the **religious world**,
 - which at Paul's time was the Jewish religion
 - In Galatians 6:14 and 15, **circumcision** is considered part of the world—the religious world to which the Apostle Paul is crucified.
 - Whereas **sins** are devilish, the **present age** is satanic.
 - God's enemy is subtle, **lurking** behind sins and the evil age.
- The goal, purpose of Christ's crucifixion, of Christ's **giving Himself** for our sins was
 - to **rescue us**, to pluck us out, from the Jewish religion, the present evil age
 - to **release** God's chosen people from the **custody of the law** (Gal. 3:23),
 - to **bring them out** of the sheepfold (John 10:1, 3), according to the will of God
 - Apart from Christ's death on the cross, there is no way for us to be redeemed from our sins.
- Christ as the **good Shepherd** entered into the fold in order to bring His sheep **out of the fold** and **into the pasture**.
 - The **fold** in John 10 **signifies the law**, or Judaism as a religion of the law,
 - God's chosen people were kept and guarded in custody until Christ came.
 - Christ came as the Shepherd to bring the sheep out of the fold to the pasture, where they may feed on His riches.

SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ❖ Through His death on the cross the Lord Jesus gave Himself for our sins in order **to rescue us from the religious fold**.
- ❖ **Christ was crucified for our sins** so that He might **rescue us** from this evil age.
 - ✚ Only Christ can **save us** from the Devil and Satan.
 - ✚ He **gave Himself** for us on the cross according to the will of God.
 - ✚ He died for our sins so that we might be **delivered from the present evil age**.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 72, point 21)
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