

## C&C: That Even Now

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

### **John 11:22**

22 But I know, **that even now**, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

There are many people who believe that they have sinned so much or have done so many bad things that God could never forgive them for it. This is not true. There are others who believe that even though God could forgive them of their sins or the many bad things they have done that God would not. This is not true either.

The God of the heaven, the Earth, and of the sea is a loving, caring, compassionate God that will forgive you of your sins no matter how bad you believe those sins are. We are living in a time of grace that God has given to us where all we have to do is become obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ and follow after him.

### **Matthew 18:11**

11 For the Son of man is come **to save that which was lost.**

### **John 3:16-21**

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.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through him might be saved.**

18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 **And this is the condemnation,** that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 **For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.**

21 **But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**

God has given us the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ the Righteous, to be a propitiation or an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world through faith in his blood.

### **Romans 3:23-31**

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? **It is excluded.** By what law? of works? Nay: but **by the law of faith.**

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

**29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:**

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision **by faith**, and uncircumcision **through faith.**

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

### **1 John 4:9-11**

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

### **1 John 2:1-6**

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, **that ye sin not.** And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments.**

**4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

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

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet in our sins Christ died for the ungodly.

### **Romans 5:8-11**

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, became a mediator between God and man so that through his death, burial, and resurrection we might live. If we are obedient to the faith.

### **John 1:29**

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

### **1 Timothy 2:5-6**

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;  
6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

### **Galatians 3:20**

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

### **Hebrews 9:15-17**

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

### **Luke 24:46-47**

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

This gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection was made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.

### **Romans 1:5**

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

### **Romans 16:25-27**

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,

26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Since all of mankind have sinned and come short of the glory of God there isn't one of us that can save ourselves without partaking of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **John 8:23-24**

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

### **Luke 13:1-5**

1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, **Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?**

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 **Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?**

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### **Mark 16:15-16**

15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

### **John 7:37-39**

37 **In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The gospel of Jesus Christ as we have just read is that a person must repent of their sins, be baptized, and receive the Holy Ghost. The Apostles with their understanding opened to the scriptures concerning Jesus Christ reveals to us how we partake of this gospel of Jesus Christ of his death, burial, and resurrection.

### **Luke 24:45-47**

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

47 **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

### **Acts 2:36-39**

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?**

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.**

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, **even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

The plan of salvation given to all of mankind even as Jesus instructed. **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 and we see that this promise was to even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

This plan of salvation was not to the Jew only but also to the Gentiles as we see in Acts chapter 10 that the identical thing took place with the Gentiles. The Apostle Peter once again being the person used of God to speak this truth.

### **Acts 10:30-48**

30 And Cornelius said, **Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,**

**31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.**

**32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.**

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. **Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.**

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

**35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.**

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree:**

**40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;**

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him **after he rose from the dead.**

**42 And he commanded us** to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

**44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.**

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

**47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

**48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.**