THE SUMMARY OF IT ALL

By Keith Greer

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." {Revelation 22:16,17} In this, the gospel age, we have access to a summary of God's entire plan, which He has revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. What does this summary confirm for us?

Jesus fulfilled all prophecies. "Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." {Luke 24:44} There were more than 300 prophecies concerning the Messiah – the Christ. Jesus fulfilled them all.

Jesus is Divine. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." {John 1:1-3} One needs only to study John's gospel to know the truth — that Jesus truly is God's son. John wrote his gospel to substantiate that fact {John 20:30,31}.

Universal salvation is only through Christ. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." {Matthew 11:28-30} Jesus came to earth and died to enable every sinner to be saved. God's wonderful, eternal plan was in His mind before He created the world. Through Christ, all can freely receive salvation.

This revelation is final. "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." {Jude 3} God will not give the world another message. There'll be no more sacrifices, no more plans, no more chances; this is all there is! How sure is this truth? "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." {Galatians 1:6-9}

Jesus will come again. "But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power." {1 Corinthians 15:23,24} The Lord is coming again, not to establish a kingdom, but in judgment to receive His own and take them back to His heavenly kingdom. Also read *John 14:1-3*.

Grace is with His disciples. "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

{Revelation 22:20,21} The grace that can save men was given by the apostles and passed down to us through the work of the Holy Spirit—the inspired Bible. God has done everything He can do to save a sinful world—the next move is up to the sinners.

Pray that we always believe what God wants us to believe. Dear readers, He has revealed all you need to know. What else will it take to convince you to act today? ***