THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST.

Under the Old Testament De.32,1 Give ear O,ye heavens,and I will speak; and hear,O earth,the words of my mouth.2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain,my speech shall distill as the dew,as the small rain upon the tender herb,and as the showers upon the grass.--Isaiah 55,6 Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,call ye upon Him while He is near.7 Let the wicked forsake his way,and the unrighteous man his thoughts;and let him return unto the Lord,and He will have mercy upon him.8For my thoughts are not your th oughts,neither are your ways my ways,saith the Lord.For as the heavens are higher than the earth,so are my ways higher than your ways,and my thoughts than your thoughts.10 For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven,and returneth not hither,but watereth the earth,and maketh it bring forth and bud,that it may give seed to the sower,and breadto the eater:-11 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 whereunto I sent it.-- Psalms 19,7 The law of the Lord is perfect ,converting the soul,the testimony of the Lord is sure ,making wise the simple.8 The statutes of the Lord are right,rejoicing the heart: The commandments of the Lord are pure,enlightening the eyes.

Now let us turn to the New Testament,Mt.17,1-9 Is recorded And after six days Jesus took Peter,James and John His brother,and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,2And was transfigured before them:and His face did shine as the sun,and His raiment was white as light.3And there appeared Moses and Elias talking with Him.4 Then answered Peter and said unto Jesus Lord it is good for us to be here:Let us make here three tabernacles,one for thee,one for Moses,and one for Elias.5 While he yet Spoke,a bright cloud overshadowed them:and behold a voice out of the cloud,which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased;HEAR YE HIM.The Israelites ites had been under the law of Moses given at Mount Sinai,and under the prophets,till the time of Christ,nowHEAR YE HIM.The Prophet Jeremiah 31,31 Prophesied of a new covenant Which is is quoted in Heb.8,7For if that first covenant had been faultless,then should no place have been found for the second,8 For finding fault with them,He saith,Behold,the days come,saith the Lord,when I will make a new covenant with thehouse of Israel,and t the house of Judah:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they continued not in my covenant,and I regarded them not,saith the Lord.For this is the covenant that I will make with thehouse of Israel after those days,saith the Lord;I will put my laws into their mind,and w write them in their hearts:and I will be to them a God,and they shall be to me a people.

Mark 1,1 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,The Son of God. Christ began revealing this new Covenant--(Doctrine.) Verse 21 And they went into Capernaum;and straightway on the Sabbath day He entered into th the Synagogue,and taught,22 And they were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one having authority,and not as the Scribes.Verse 23-27 He healed a man of an unclean spirit.27 and they were all amazed,insomuch that they questioned among themselves,saying,what thing is this? What new DOCTRINE is this?For with authority commandeth He the unclean spirits,and they do obey Him.--Jesus teaching the people,Mt.7,28 And when it came to pass,when Jesus had ended these sayings,the people were astonished at His Doctrine:for He taught them as one having authority,and not as the Scribes. While He was waiting before Pilate to be tried,Jn.18,19 The high priests then asked Jesus of His disciples,and of His doctrine.20Jesus answered him,I spake openly to,the world ;I even taught in their synagogues,and in the temple;whither the Jews always resort;and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me?ask them that heard me.they k now what I said.

Things written in the Bible are spoken of as Scripture,the oracles,the Word,The testaments or covenantsand the Law.--Tit.3,16 Paul informs us,All scripture is given by inspiration of God,and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for reproof,for correction,for instruction in righteousness,That the man of God may be, perfect,thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Heb.2,1-4Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things ngs we have heard,lest at any time we should let them slip.2For if the wor words spoken by angels(The old testament)was steadfast,and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;3 How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation;which at first began to be spoken by the Lord,and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness,both with signs and wonders,and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost,according to His own will.HEAR YE HIM. Confirmed unto us by them that heard HIM.(The Apostles)1 Cor.3,5 But our sufficiency is of God.6 Who hath made us able ministers of the new testament.And Paul 1 Cor.14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet or Spiritual,let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are the Commandments of God. Continued on page 2.

These scriptures-Oracles Were first spoken by the Lord, especially to thwe apostles and then they were made able ministers of the New Testament. Christ was the mediator of the new testament Heb.2,24 -- His testament went into effect after His death Heb.9,17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no ~~force~~ strength at all while the testator liveth. Christ promised to send the Holy Ghost to confirm the word which He had taught them Jn.14,26 But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring ~~to~~ all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. And later appeared unto them Lu.24,44 And He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in thelaw of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me.--46 ANd said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved 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 .48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold I send the promise of the Father upon you: But tarry ye in city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Then we follow into the ~~second chapter of the Acts, and there~~ first chapter of the Acts 1,4 And being assembled with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith He, Ye have heard of Me. Verse 3 He was with them speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of heaven.-Then in verse 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 all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Ac.2 the apostles were waiting as Jesus command them, amd the Holy Ghost came on them, as Christ told them, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Peter convinced the Jews gathered there that they had crucified Christ theSon of God, they were convinced, (pricked in their hearts, and cried men and brethren what shall we do? 38 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. And with many other words did he testify and exhort saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptizedLand there were added unto them about threethousand souls. 42Ana they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and in fellowship, and inprayers, and in breaking of bread. Mk.16-20 In obedience to the command of Christ, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned. They went every where preaching the word, the lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following. The apostles were opposed, as was Christ, in preachingin Ac, ~~3~~ 4 Peter and John were imprisoned for preaching in the name of Christ and forbidden to ~~not~~ preach in this name. Ac.13 Barnabas and Saul came to Paphas where there was a certain Jew whose name was Bar Jesus, a sorcerer who withstood Paul and Barnabus when they were teaching Sergus Paulas a deputy of the country. Paul turned on the Sorcerer and caused him to be blind. and immediately there ~~fe~~ fell on Him a mist of darkness; and he went about seeking some one to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord .Ac.17,17 Paul disputed with the Jews in the synagogue, also with the devout persons, and in the markets daily with them that met with them. 18 Then certain philosophers and of the stoics, encountered him. And said What will this babbler say? other some, he seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods; because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him, and brought him unto Aerapogas, saying, May we know what this new doctrine is? 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, and said Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To the unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you, God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, ~~as the He needed anything~~ 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands as tho He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life; and breath, and all things; 26And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 that they should seek the Lord, if haply they should find Him though He be not far from every one of us. 28 For in Him we live and move and have our being; as certain of your own poets also have said, for we are also His offspring. 29 Forasmuch as then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by mans art and device. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will Judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all me men, in that raised Him from the dead.

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The Doctrine of Christ is set forth in a few words 1 Cor 15,1-4 Moreove over ,brethren,I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you; which als ye received,and wherein ye stand;By which also ye are saved,if ye keep in memory that which I preached unto you,unless you have believed in vain.3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;4 And that He was buried,and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures;And that He was seen of Cephas,then of the 12,and of others.

The doctrine,the Oracles of God,The Word of God,the Truth,The Gospel, The things which Christ taught,and then erwere confirmed ,Delivered unto us ,through the scriptures,all Practically the same,are revealed to us t through the Scriptures.As Paul in 2 Tim.3,16 teaches us.All scripture is given by inspiration of God,and is profitable for Doctrine,for reproof, for correction,for instruction in righteousness;17 That the man of God may be perfect,throughly furnished unto all good works.--The scriptures teach us That Christ died for our sins,That we must believe on Him as our Saviour,Repent of our sins,Confess that we believe that He is the Son of is the Son of God,and then be baptized for the remission of our sins. After this Go to Col.3,1 If ye then be rien with Christ,Seek those things which are above,where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God2 Set your affections on things above,and not on the things of the earth.Forye are d dead and your life is hid with God in Christ.Read the whole chapter. We learn also the things we are to do as Christians,and the things we are not to do. 2 Pe.1,3 According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness,through the knowledge of Him who hath called us to glory and virtue. And we gain this knowledge by studying these scriptures,2 Tim.2,15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the word of truth.-1 Pe 2,2 As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby.2 Pe.1,4The scriptures-Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.5 And besides,giving all diligence,add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge;6and to knowledge temperance;and to temperance patience;and to patience Godliness;7 and to Godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.8For if these things be in you and a- bound,they make you that you shall be neither unfruitful nor barren in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.9 But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off,and hath forgotten that hw was purged from his old sins.10 Wherefore the rather brethren,give dili- gence to make your calling and election sure:for if ye do these things ye shall never fall:11 Fof so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abund- antly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 Tim.4,13 Paul to Timothy,Till I come,give attendance to reading,to ex- exhortation,to Doctrine.14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee,which was given thee by prophecy,with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things;give thyself wholly to them;that thy profit- ing may appear unto all.16 Take heed unto thyself,and unto the Doctrine; continue in them:for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself,and them that hear thee.2 Tim.2,2Thou therefore my son,be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.2 and the things thou hast kearned of me among many wit- nesses,the same commit thou unto faithful men,who shall be able to teach others also.Verse 3 Endure hardness.2 Tim.4,1 I charge thee before God,and the Lord Jesus Christ,who shall judge the worlc quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.2 Preach the word;be instant in season,out of s season;reprove rebuke exhort ,with all longsuffering and Doctrine.3 For th time will come when they will not endure sound Doctrine;but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,having itching ears;4 and they shall turn their ears from the truth,and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things,endure affliction,do the work of an evang- elist,make full proof of thy ministry. 1 Ti 2 1,3Charge some that they te ach no other doctrine.Ro.16,17 Now I beseech ye brethren,mark them which cause divissions and offences contrary to that you have learned,and avoid them.2 Jn.10 If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine,receive ceive him not into your house,neither bid him God speed.11 For he that bidc biddeth him godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.2 Jn.9 Whosoever transgr gresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ,hath not God.He that abideth in the DOCTRINE OF CHRIST,he hath both the father and the Son. Heb.13,9 Be not carried about with diverse and strange doctrines,for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.;

Be ye steadfast,un movable,always abounding in the work of the Lord.

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