

RECEPTION OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

We are currently studying the seven Truly, Truly messianic doctrines taught by Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn.13-17). In our last lesson we studied the first of the seven messianic doctrines of the Upper Room Discourse (Jn.13:16, 20, 21, 38; 14:12; 16:20, 21).

This study will cover five aspects of the second Truly, Truly messianic doctrine entitled, "Reception of Gospel of Christ." (Jn.13:18-20)

1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by three homiletic points (Jn.13:18-20).

(Jn.13:18) "I do not speak of all of you. I know (oida/ perf.a.ind) the ones I have chosen (eklego/ a.m. Ind); but (alla) [adversative] it is that (hina) [divine purpose] the Scripture may be fulfilled (pleroo/ a.p. subj), 'He who eats (trogo/ p.a.ptc nsm) My bread has **lifted up (epairo/ a.a.ind) His heel against (epi+acc) Me.**'" (Ps.41:9) [betrayal]

(information of immediate interest)

(Jn.13:19) "From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe (pisteuo/ p. asubj2pl) that (hoti) **I am (eimi/ p.a.ind.1ps) He.**"

The Point: Jesus is the one betrayed in (Ps.41:9) and the betrayer is one of His disciples [a close friend] (Luke 22:21-23).

The Senders: (Jn.13:20) "He who receives whomever I send received Me and he who receive Me receives Him who sent Me."

"Receive" is the reason for our lesson title.

There are 18 Greek verbal forms in these three verses. This shows a lot of verbal and mental and doctrinal information being passed from teacher to students in great Bible study.

2. We have two Greek marker words in our Truly, Truly messianic doctrine of (Jn.13:20). The first Greek word is lambano (receive) and the second Greek word is pempo (send).

The Greek word Lambano is used four times in this Greek syntax to teach us two importance doctrinal principles of the reception of the gospel of Christ (Jn.13:20).

- "he who receives (ho lambano/ p.a.ptc.nsm) **whomever (an/ tis) I send (pempo/ a.a. subj) receive (lambano/ p.a.ind.3ps) Me.**"
- "And he who receives (ho lambano/ p.a.ptc.nsm) Me receives (lambano/ p.a.ind.3ps) Him **who sent (ton pempo/ a.a.ptc) Me.**"

3. First doctrinal principle comes from lambano in (Jn.13:20) is the believer's eternal position in Christ and God as a result of receiving the gospel of grace salvation.

The moment a person receives Christ by believing the gospel of grace salvations at that same moment he is received by God in Christ (Jn.13:20; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16).

Jesus taught this same doctrinal principle in (Jn.10:28-30) (note promises).

Note two doctrinal principles:

- Christ's gift (Eph.2:8-9) Christ's hand in (Jn.10:28)
- Father's gift (Rom.6:23) The Father's hand in (Jn.10:29)

What can we then conclude from "No one can snatch them" in (Jn.10:30) and (2 Cor.5:17).

4. The second doctrinal principle comes from the second Greek word is pempo (send).

The Greek word Pempo is used twice to teach those of us who received the gospel of Christ that God desires to send us to others with the gospel of Christ (Matt.28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

Today, in the Church Age, this is the ministry of Ambassadorship (2 Cor.5:18-21).

5. One goal of Ambassadorship Ministry is Reconciliation (katallage). (2 Cor.5:18, 19, 20)

THE DOCTRINE OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is an exchange or change from a position IN Adam into a position IN Christ (1Cor.15:22; 2 Cor.5:17; Col.1:13).

God sees all unsaved at enmity with Him because of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:17; 3:15)

The sin barrier: ([13 judicial charges](#))

Reconciliation is [One of the Fifty Things](#) in package of grace salvation.

In reconciliation, all that Christ removes and exchanges, is removed and exchanged completely forever (Col.1:2-22) (apokatallasso).

Reconciliation is [One of Nine Communion factors of](#) the blood of Christ and the cup of Eucharist (Rom.5:10-11; 1 Cor.11:25).

God sees all saved at Peace with Him because of this Reconciliation.

Reconciliation replaces enmity/ enemy with God's peace (Eph.2:13-16) (apokatallasso) [Completely Reconciled]

When an unsaved person believes that Jesus died for his/her sins and that He was buried and raised on the third day to give them eternal life, God's grace responds in **reconciliation** giving them God's peace.

This message of God's **reconciliation** is taken to a world at enmity with God by Ambassadors of Christ from this Church - DSBC (Rom.10:13-15).