

THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS
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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.
 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

Matthew 7:15-20 "**Beware** [keep on being alert] of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Beware – προσέχω – PROSECHO – “To be alert; to watch out”

Heresy – Teaching that is not supported from the Bible. Destructive in that it results in the believer’s spiritual illness.

False teachers secretly introduce heresies which are hard to detect.

16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? **17** "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. **19** "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** "So then, you will know them by their fruits.



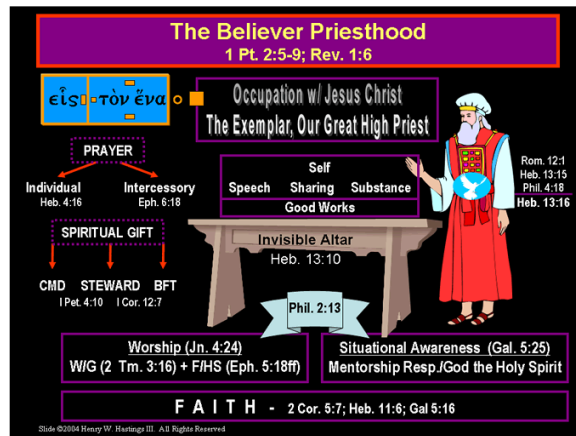
Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Verbal profession of Christ is not an indicator of whether one is going to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Note the will of God that is bound up in the three passages that follow:

1 Timothy 2:3-4 this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.



God’s desire is that the believer will function effectively, in this age, as a Believer Priest.

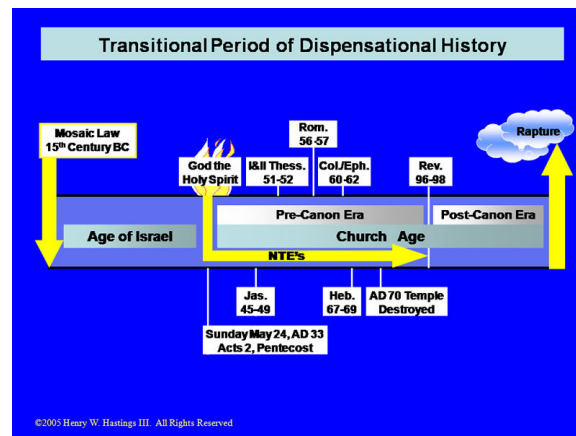
John 6:40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and **believes in Him** will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

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Matthew 7:22-27 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' We worked!

"Prophesy, casting out demons, and performing miracles" are tantamount to works!

Works do not validate having a personal relationship with God.



23 "And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

"Prophesy, casting out demons, and performing miracles" are considered LAWLESSNESS!

LAWLESSNESS - ἀνομία – ANOMIA – "Lawlessness; not valid or in use"

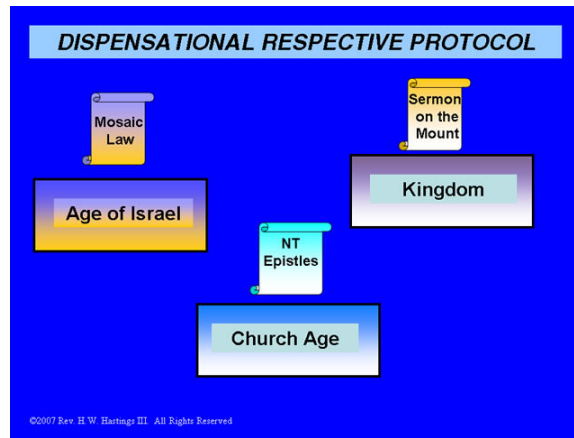
From νόμος - NOMOS – "Valid and in use"

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (**NOMOS**) - "In ancient times it has a comprehensive range of meaning which embraces any kind of existing or accepted norm, order, custom, usage, or tradition. **Νόμος** is what is valid and in use.¹"

ἀνομία - translated *lawlessness* is a reference to a practice that is not valid or not in use.

The reason the Lord calls prophesying, casting out demons, and performing miracles lawlessness is because the practices are not of the Lord.

¹*Theological dictionary of the New Testament*. 1964-c1976. Vols. 5-9 edited by Gerhard Friedrich. Vol. 10 compiled by Ronald Pitkin. (G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley & G. Friedrich, Ed.) (electronic ed.) (4:1023-1024). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.



1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

Will be done away – καταργέω – KATARGEIO - “To be nullified or made ineffective”

Gifts of tongues and knowledge are no longer functioning today either.

God ceased supernaturally enabling believers to use these temporary spiritual gifts.

Matthew 7:24 “**Therefore** [in light of what I’ve taught you] **everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them.** . . .

Hears these words - πᾶς + ἀκούω – PAS plus AKOUO – *Everyone who is hearing these words of Mine!*

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;”

It is one thing to be a believer and listen to the voice of the Lord - it is another thing to do it.

How many times have you heard the voice of the Lord and not acted upon it?

. . . may be compared to a wise man who built his house [your life] on the rock [Jesus Christ].

What is YOUR life built upon?

What does YOUR life revolve around?

²⁵ “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been **founded** on the rock.

The one who listens to what the Lord has to say and acts upon His words will experience bad weather.

Founded – θεμελιώω – THEMELIOO – “To be strengthened or established”

The house was able to withstand the storm because of the state it was in when the storm began.

²⁶ “Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a **foolish man** who built his house on the sand.

Foolish man – μωρός – MOROS (Moron)

²⁷ “The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall.”

Bad weather in your life is inevitable - the issue is whether you are prepared or not.

Is your life founded upon your Savior and His word?

Good building advice - - engage the Lord in what He would have you do through prayer.

Sermon on the Mount, J. Vernon McGee.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.