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"These things I write unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly; but if I tarry long, so that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by Angels, Proclaimed in the Nations, **Believed in the World**, taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

**Believed:** from the Greek word *episteuthe* which means: was-believed; from *pisteuo* which means: to believe, to trust in; to have faith in, to entrust. Only the context indicates whether *pisteuo* ("to believe") is self-serving (without sacred meaning), or the kind of believing that leads to/proceeds from God's in-birthing of faith. To have faith in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing; by implication, to entrust; especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ. to think to be true; to be persuaded of; place confidence in. (from *pistes*, "faith") (from *peitho*, "to persuade, be persuaded").

**World:** from the Greek word *kosmo* (*kosmos*) which means: order, the world; the world, the universe; worldly affairs; the inhabitants of the world; literally: "something *ordered*" like the universe, or creation; i.e. the *world*. (Probably from the base of *komizo* which means: orderly arrangement.) the inhabitants of the world: particularly the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race.

**Was Believed in the World:** In context: Paul is referring to the previous situations in which multitudes of unbelievers, throughout the domains of the Roman Empire, after hearing the proclamation of the Good-News of Jesus Christ, put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, being firmly persuaded that Jesus is indeed God Revealed in the Flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen and ministered by Angels, crucified Savior and Deliverer from sin for all people of the world, risen from the dead, taken up in glory to the Right Hand of God the Father in heaven; and coming again to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. This was in fulfillment of the prophetic Word, as it says:

"Now after John (the Baptist) was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching** the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the Good-news.'" (Mark 1:14-15)

"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister **to the circumcision** (the people of Israel) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto their fathers; and so that the Gentiles also might glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, *'For this cause I will confess to You among the Nations, and sing unto Your Name.'* (Psalm 18:49) And again He says, *'Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people.'* (Deuteronomy 32:43) And again, *'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and praise Him, all you people.'* (Psalm 117:1) And again, Isaiah says, *'There shall be a Root of Jesse, and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in Him (Jesus) shall the Gentiles trust.* (Isaiah 11:10)' " (Romans 15:8-12)

And this was in fulfillment of the commandment of Christ Jesus, as He said to His disciples:

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things - whatever I have commanded you: and, behold, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

As Jesus did during His ministry years, so also He instructed His disciples to do; beginning at Jerusalem, and then to the Nations. The rapid free will peaceful faith conversion of so many thousands of Jews and Gentiles throughout the land of Israel, and then amongst the Gentle peoples throughout the Roman Empire, and in the face of so much intense opposition and persecution is clear evidence of the God ordained truth, power, and love of the Gospel (Good-news) of Jesus the Christ-Messiah. Consider some of the following examples of Jesus's ministry:

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"Now when He (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, **many believed in His name**, when they saw the miracles which He did." (John 2:23)

"**And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him** for the saying of the woman, who testified, 'He told me all that ever I did.' So when the Samaritans had come unto Him, they beseeched Him that He would stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **And many more believed because of His own word**; and said unto the woman, '**Now we believe**, not only because of your words: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the World.'" (John 4:39-41)

Then Jesus cried-out in the Temple as He taught, saying, 'You both know Me, and you know from where I am; and I have not come of Myself, but He (the Father) who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him; for I am from Him, and He has sent Me.' --- **And many of the people believed on Him**, and said, 'When the Christ-Messiah comes, will He do more miracles than these which this Man has done?' (John 7:28-31)

"Then Jesus said unto them, '**When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I Am**, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me; for the Father has not left Me alone; for I always do those things that please Him.' **As He spoke these words, many believed in Him**. Then Jesus said to those Jews **who believed Him**, 'If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you **shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.**'" (John 8:28-32)

And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, 'I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me; but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, **that they may believe that You have sent Me.**' And when He had thus spoken, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he who was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes; and his face was bound about with a cloth. Then Jesus said unto them, 'Loosen him, and let him go.' **Then many of the Jews** who came to Mary, and saw the things which Jesus did, **believed on him.**" (John 11:41-43)

Consider also some of the following by disciples of Jesus:

"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 you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are far away, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.' .... Then they who gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them **about three thousand souls**. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. **And all who believed were together, and had all things common.**" (Acts 2:38-44)

And at that time there was **a great persecution** against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, .... As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and dragging off men and women, and putting them into prison. Therefore those who were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, **and preached Christ unto them**. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many who were possessed with them: and many taken ill with paralysis, and who were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. ;;; when they **believed** Philip preaching the things concerning the Kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:1-12)

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"Now those who were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose after Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they had come to Antioch, spoke unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, so that he should go as far as Antioch; who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith; and many people were added unto the Lord." (Acts 11:19-26)

"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming there went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few." (Acts 17:10-12)

"And he departed from there, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, who worshipped God, whose house was joined hard to the synagogue. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. Then the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not your peace: For I am with you, and no man shall lay-hold of you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." (Acts 18:7-10)

Finally, consider these exhortations:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh (person) be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ unto all, and upon all those who believe; for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and have come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God has 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; to declare, *I say*, at this time His Righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Jesus." (Romans 3:20-26)

"But what does it say? 'The word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if you shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture says, 'Whoever **believes** in Him shall not be ashamed.' For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all who call upon Him. For whoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:8-13)

## Jesus Was-Believed in the World

**Jesus is still believed by millions of the world's people!  
For Whoever believes in Him shall be saved!  
Both Jews and Gentiles! Both men and women!  
Forever and Ever !!**

**Thank You Lord Jesus!!!  
All Praise and Honor and Glory be Yours forever!  
All praise to the Father, and Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit !!!**