

**-THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR-**

This referred to the time period in which Israel could receive her Messiah and in Him the promises made to the fathers. It was the time of their great opportunity, for at the same time they would also come under the working of the New Covenant. Then they would be the peculiar treasure and priestly nation that God intended them to be.

The beginning of the acceptable year was proclaimed in the synagogue in the little town of Nazareth in the first public address of the Lord. Luke 4:18-21.

This time had been foretold in the prophecy of Isa., and it was from this book the Lord read on that Sabbath.

In reading from Isa. 61:1,2, the Lord left off in the middle of a verse and closed the Book. He never did refer to the rest of that 2nd verse till Luke 21:22-24 where he gave a description of the vengeance that was to come. We then understand that the acceptable year was to occupy a space of time somewhere between the announcement in Nazareth and the destruction of Jerusalem, which was accomplished by Titus in 70.

That this acceptable year was still in effect after the Lord's death is made plain by Peter's sermon at Pentecost, Acts 3:19,20, and his message to Cornelius, Acts 10:36-38. Paul, tho an apostle to the Gentiles according to the choice of God, nevertheless first proclaimed the acceptable year of the Lord to the Jews, Acts 13:26-34.

But the acceptable year was closed at Acts 28:28. Never again do we have an account of the gospel being presented to the Jews. It is doubtful that any Jew from that time till the Reformation ever became a believer. John in his gospel refers to the same event in 1:11,12. It is the time that the Lord's own nation "received Him not" at the end of Acts.

Look thru these references and note the word SENT. It runs all thru them. A salvation was at the first sent to Israel. They rejected it. Then a salvation was sent to the Gentiles. It was their very own.

**-THE PERFECT WALK-**

In 2 former articles we have studied the position and identification with Christ. Col. 2 and 3. Now, if you are risen with Him, have set your affections on things above, and died with Christ, THEN;

1. 3:5. MORTIFY or put to death in your lives such things as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry. It is because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the ungodly.

2. 3:8. PUT OFF anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication (out of the mouth).

3. 3:9. LIE NOT one to another. A liar has a hard time disclaiming relationship with the devil who was a liar from the beginning. In all human relationships there is nothing much more abnoxious than a liar. No one likes him.

4. 3:9. PUT OFF the old man with his deeds. Rotherham has it "Strip off the old man with his practices." We can never eradicate the old man or flesh, but we can quit his conversation or manner of living.

5. 3:10. PUT ON the new man. Just as above, we cannot put on the new nature, but we can be careful to let the new nature that God creates within us bear fruit. This is the beginning of the regaining of the lost image of the Creator.

6. 3:12. PUT ON mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance and forgiveness. We are to forgive as we have been forgiven.

7. 3:14. PUT ON, yes above all these, PUT ON LOVE which is the bond of PERFECTNESS.

Abraham, the Gentile, was justified by faith without circumcision. It was not till after circumcision (the repudiation of the flesh) that God asked for the perfect walk. There can be no perfection in the flesh. There can be no confidence in it. The true circumcision are perfected in Spirit, not in flesh.

The seven items above have to do with the perfect walk. They are written for the true circumcision. Let us examine our walk before God.

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**-DISP. OUTLINE OF N T-**

I. Kingdom offered. From John the Baptist to Calvary. Beginning of the "acceptable year of the Lord."

1. MATTHEW (Christ as King)
2. MARK (Christ as Servant)
3. LUKE (Christ as Son of Man)

II. The kingdom reoffered. The answer to the prayer on Calvary. From Calvary to Rome ending with Acts 28:28. Also the end of the "acceptable year."

A. ACTS. (History)

1. Epistles written by the apostles to the Circumcision. To Jews only.

- a. JAMES
- b. 1 PETER
- c. 2 PETER
- d. 1 JOHN
- e. 2 JOHN
- f. 3 JOHN
- g. JUDE

2. Epistles written by the apostle to the Uncircumcision. Gentiles now grafted in. Written to both Jews and Gentiles.

- a. ROMANS
- b. 1 CORINTHIANS
- c. 2 CORINTHIANS
- d. GALATIANS
- e. 1 THESSALONIANS
- f. 2 THESSALONIANS
- g. HEBREWS

III. Kingdom held in abeyance. Acts 28:28 to end of times of Gentiles. Things which had been hidden in God from ages and generations. Day of vengeance.

A. The gospel of everlasting life to the Gentiles. "As Many" John 1:12.

1. JOHN (Christ as the Son of God)

B. The gospel of the dispensation of the Mystery. "Chosen" Eph. 1:4.

1. EPHESIANS
2. PHILIPPIANS
3. COLOSSIANS
4. 1 TIMOTHY
5. 2 TIMOTHY
6. TITUS
7. PHILEMON

IV. The day of the Lord. The kingdom set up. New Covenant Times.

1. REVELATION (Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords)

**-THE PASCHAL SUPPER-**

The law said, "No UNCIRCUMCISED person shall eat thereof." No one seems to be able to find where this law has ever been changed. It is hard to understand why so many Gentiles today insist on keeping this feast which was forever forbidden to them.

John, in his gospel to the Gentiles, called it "The Jews' Passover." At that time the law was known and no Gentile dared to try to take part in it.

Later on, in Acts, when Gentiles were being added to the church, the question of how much law they were to observe came up in the council in Jerusalem. The decision is recorded in Acts 15. The Gentiles were to observe no part of the law as such, but in order to fellowship with the Jews and not offend them when eating together, four things were required. Not one of these was that they were to observe the Lord's supper. The Gentiles were baptized in water, but that had nothing to do with the law. It was instituted by John the Baptist.

The ordinances and rituals of the Jews were a part of the wall of partition that was between Jew and Gentile in the church of the latter part of Acts. It was a matter even of enmity, for the Gentile believers could have no part in the rituals when they met together. But after Acts 28:28, Paul made it known that this wall of partition had been torn down. That meant that now even the Jews no longer were to observe any of the ordinances and rituals. That would take away any differences between the Jew and Gentile. It is amazing how many will not believe the plain words of the Scriptures, but will insist in following the rules of men. It shows that the most of Christendom today is leavened with unbelief.

That this observance of the Lord's supper is not God's command for today is clearly evidenced by the lack of uniformity in it. The time for it is not known. The manner of observance is not known. The correct elements are not known. It has no real significance. Let no man judge us in these things (Col. 2:16).

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**-STUDIES IN JOHN- BML 15**

1. Then what 2 questions did the Lord ask the woman? 8:10
2. What was her answer?
3. Was not the Lord's acquittal of the woman in spite of witnesses a violation of the law?
4. Just why did He not condemn?
5. What does the Lord declare Himself to be? 12
6. Does that mean that all the world walks in the light?
7. Who walk in the light? 12
8. How did the Pharisees challenge the Lord's assertion?
9. What 2 things did the Lord know that they did not know?
10. How did the Pharisees judge?
11. Was it the time for the Lord to judge men?
12. But when He will judge, why will His judgment be true?
13. How many witnesses did the law of Moses require to establish a truth?
14. What 2 witnesses did the Lord mention? 18
15. How does one get to know the Father? 19
16. Where was the Lord teaching?
17. Why didn't they arrest Him?
18. Where was He going? see 7:34 and 13:33
19. Did any unbelievers see Him after His death?
20. What did the Jews think He was going to do? 22
21. What differences does the Lord point out between those who do not believe and Himself?
22. What did a man have to do in order to die in his sins without hope?
23. What was their question?
24. Had the Lord declared Himself?
25. Did they have any idea of who had sent Him?
26. When would they realize Who he was? 28
27. How does this same verseshow that the Lord was not a separate person from the Father?
28. What was the result here? 30

**DEAR YOUNG FOLKS; Two more have**

joined the Berean Missionary League. They are John Lindeman of Waihi Beach, N. Z., and Wm. A. Sikkel of Holland, Mich. Don't wait for me to get your papers returned, just keep sending them in. I will get to them sometime, I hope.

If some of you young folks (and older ones too) would like a few days or even weeks of Bible training, especially with the idea of teaching it, write me in detail about your plans. It may be arranged some way that you could do it here under my supervision. Each person will have a different problem, so it will have to be worked out on an individual basis. Do it now so we can plan for the future. This would be a good way to spend that vacation. You might be able to help us, too.

Here it is, almost school time again! Why go to school? What is the purpose of all that study? Some think that it is a preparation for living. That is only half right. Young folks are living while they are in school. They do not realize till later what a vital part of their lives it is. Here habits are formed, few of which can be changed later. Some may loaf and say, "I will do better later." But the truth is that they do not do better later. The pattern is being fixed and few changes can ever be made in it. Habits of thrift and industry are made in school.

But there is also another phase of the question that so often is not considered. The spiritual life is also being formed in school. If you cannot become a Christian and stand for Christ in school, it is not likely that you will ever do it elsewhere.

You are living now. Now is a part of your life, and a most important part. Do not pass up the great opportunities you have for the future by pursuing some flimsy enjoyment for the present. All over the offices of the IBM Company you will see the one-word motto, "THINK." Write that down and keep it before you and THINK! THINK!! THINK!!!

Thanks so much for your nice letters. I am glad to help with your problems.  
Sincerely in HIM, Oscar M. Baker

- THE EDITOR'S DESK -  
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 should be Isa. <sup>Corrected</sup> page 2, Matt.  
 and Mark in reverse order.  
 Two of our readers caught these.

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 not been back since we moved here in '41.  
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