The Perverted Gospel of Salvation

(Based on the article '264. Relationship Replaced' by Mike Parson.) 1

The Gospel of Salvation as presented, taught and lived by modern-day Christians is a corruption of the reality that the Trinity set up for us. That may sound harsh, but put your shock aside and take a look at the 50 points in the table below.

The Trinity's intention was for us to live in union with them, enjoying them, enjoying life, and managing the planet and the natural world so their plans are implemented. Religion, devised by the minds of men, was not supposed to be the system that was put in place. Life was to be abundant, and lived from the tree of Life, not the Tree of Knowledge.

It's time the fascade was lifted off religion so everyone can see it for what it is -a perversion of reality.

The Spiritual Reality	The Church Substitute
Relationship with the Trinity	Religion
Holy Spirit	The Bible
The Living Word	The written word
The Truth (as a person)	Theological and doctrinal belief systems
Hearing the King's voice	Studying the Bible
The cross has reconciled all of creation	Reconciliation excludes creation
God's perfect love	Love is retributive, punishing, including torment
The display of perfect love	Cosmic 'abuse'
Life-bringing love	Hateful punishment that brings death
The correction and refining of purifying fire	Eternal conscious torment
The perichoresis ² of a relational, loving God	Augustinian theology of an angry God
Loving, substitutionary atonement	Penal, retributive atonement
Restoration	Punishment
Testing	Torment
Repentance (renewing of the mind)	Constant re-penance
Wages of sin	Eternal punishment, instead of death
The restorative cross	The penal cross
Love	Anger
The grave	Hell

^{1 –} After "264. Relationship Replaced" (18-5-2019) freedomarc.blog/2019/05/18/264-religion-relationship

^{2 –} **Meaning:** The relationship that exists between the three persons of the Trinity.

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The Spirit	The letter
The torn veil of the temple	The mediatorial coverings of clergy
Heaven and Earth are reunited	Heaven and Earth remain separated
Access to an open Heaven	Heaven is closed
The literal truth of an open Heaven	Analogical and metaphorical access to Heaven
Access to Heaven through King Jesus, the Door	Access to Heaven through our death
The new covenant of life	The old covenant of death
Grace	The law
The faith of Jesus	Faith <u>in</u> Jesus
Salvation by grace	Salvation of works
Melchizedek's heavenly priesthood	Aaronic earthly priesthood
Past fulfilment of Messiah's full work	Future fulfilment of Messiah's full work
The end of the old covenant	The end of the world
The celebration and joy of love	The tribulation of fear
Victory	Rescue
The restoration of all things	The destruction of all things
The new heavens and Earth (i.e. new temple wineskin)	The literal destruction of the world
Parousia of the King's presence	Parousia of the King's coming
The inclusion of everyone	Exclusion (inclusion of only a few)
Reconciliation	Separation
Preaching the good news that Jesus is <i>inside</i> people	Preaching the bad news of exclusion from Jesus <i>among</i> people
The priesthood of all believers	Priesthood of the clergy
The King's wife now	The Bride of the future
The present New Jerusalem on Earth	A future New Jerusalem coming out of Heaven
The resurrection of Christ in the past	A future personal resurrection
The past judgement of the cross that declares <u>all</u> are innocent	A future judgement only for the guilty
All are made inclusively alive in Christ	Only those exclusively in Christ are made alive
Everyone will confess Jesus as Lord	Only some will confess Jesus as Lord

The Spiritual Reality	The Church Substitute
Being 'born from above' (spiritually reborn)	Being 'born again'
Coming into the Kingdom through the resurrection	Coming in through praying a prayer of salvation
Salvation of all by grace, a the gift of <u>Jesus' faith</u>	Salvation for some by our own faith

That's a very different picture, but it's one that everyone can have when they look to Father to teach them what is real and what isn't. It's his Spirit that will lead us to The Truth (The Son, Jesus) where the understanding of all reality is found.

Why not let him teach you what is real?

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