

02-GOD'S DIVINE BLUEPRINT

The original autographed manuscripts that made up the Bible were a divine blueprint. They explained how God will one day live and fellowship with perfect people who will inherit a new, perfect earth.

" 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:1-4 (Easy-To-Read Version)

These residents will have chosen to return love to God of their own free will as they obey His call to (1) come to Him in prayer, (2) repent of their sins and while looking in faith to Calvary, (3) ask that the payment Jesus Christ gave on the cross pay for the sin debt they owe.

"12. Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition).

" 8 On the contrary, what does it say? The message is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. This is the message of faith that we proclaim: 9 If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. 11 Now the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on Him will not be put to shame, 12 for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, since the same Lord of all is rich to all who call on Him. 13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (the authority of the Lord) will be saved." Romans 10:8-13 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Often we base our understanding of our Bible upon a key scripture that was clouded or corrupted when it was translated into our native language. Sometimes we erroneously base our understanding on comments that a writer has added next to a scripture in our Bible even though they did not examine all the scriptures that deal with that particular subject. The autographed manuscripts by the original writers were the perfect words of God. God inspired the men who penned them. God did not inspire either the translators or those who write commentaries. The translators and the commentators may have worked under a desire to do something grand and noble for the Lord, but they did not do their work under inspiration. That is why it is so important that we read all the scripture dealing with a particular subject before we come to a conclusion about what God is telling us.