

By this gospel you are saved IF you hold firmly to the word I [Paul] preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain (1 Cor. 15:2).  
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## Could This Be The Great Apostasy?

—Dan Corner—

**T**he Bible teaches before the rapture occurs, two things will transpire: (1) The [great] apostasy and (2) The revealing of the antichrist:

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and **our gathering together to Him**, that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the **apostasy comes first**, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction (2 Thess. 2:1-3).

If we aren't living now, at this moment, in the days of that same *apostasy*, that will precede the rise of antichrist, it seems we have to be getting very close. Some think we are and might be correct. The so-called *church* of our day is such a poor imitation of the true church it is like comparing a ground mole to an airplane. To be more precise it is a spiritual counterfeit having a spiritually adulterous affair with popularity, money and large buildings. It is so far from dispersing wholesome Biblical truth, and has been for so long, that the vast majority in our day have never, even once, been in a congregation that closely resembles the New Testament church described in Acts. They have not heard sermons based on Scripture and therefore, aren't sure what one sounds like. There are a number of reasons why this is so.

### The Leaders are Not Qualified Spiritually

First, the ministers, overseers, superintendents, etc. of denominations and religious groups are nowhere near the spiritual caliber they need to be for the office they hold! The Bible emphasizes *holiness in character* and *soundness in doctrine*, and in that order, as being necessary for people to even qualify for such a high, influential office (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1). But in our day, secular education, money, influence in the community and a musical ability are often the basis of deciding who will or will not be the church leaders and teachers. The Bible never places a premium on any type of ignorance, but formal education, etc. has never been the basis for ministry, according to Scripture. The Lord Jesus chose the Twelve and four out of that number were **ignorant fishermen who reeked with no formal education, but they were qualified to hold the highest office in the church:**

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, **ordinary** men, they were astonished and they took note



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that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

The word translated *ordinary* in the Greek is the word we get *idiot* from. Peter and John might have been rejected in our day, but were **qualified in God's eyes to be among his chief spokesmen because of their heart condition**. This was also the basis of choosing a replacement for Judas:

Then they prayed, "**Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs**" (Acts 1:24,25).

Paul said he was not a *trained speaker* either, but was the greatest example Christianity ever produced:

**I may not be a trained speaker**, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way (2 Cor. 11:6).

(Note: knowledge has nothing to do with being a trained speaker or not.) Elsewhere Paul wrote that false teachers can be **smooth talkers**. It is still like this in our day:

For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By **smooth talk** and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people (Rom. 16:18).

Even Moses, God's premium choice in his day to be the spiritual leader over Israel, was **not eloquent in speech, but was instead slow in speech and tongue:**

Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have **never been eloquent**, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. **I am slow of speech and tongue.**" The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak

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## Do All Five Points Of Calvinism Hang or Fall Together?

It is very common to run into religious people who would identify themselves as four point Calvinists, three point Calvinists on down to one point Calvinists. Such people reject one or more of the five points of Calvinism's TULIP, but always seem to embrace the most deadly of the five—the *perseverance of the saints* (or *eternal security*). How logical is it for such a person who calls himself a *Calvinist* to be less than a five point Calvinist in light of the theology of Calvinism?

Certainly, to the surprise of many, such is an *inconsistency*, according to one of their chief spokesmen, the deceased Dr. Edwin H. Palmer. Palmer graduated from Harvard, served in the Marines, then received both a Th.B and a Th.D in different Reformed seminaries. He was also an instructor of *Systematic Theology* in a Reformed Seminary. Hence, he is certainly qualified to comment on how the five points of Calvinism are interrelated, since he understood his theology so well. Palmer, referring to the fifth point of Calvinism, said the following:

**This is strictly a Reformed doctrine and hangs or falls together with the other four points that we have been discussing. There are, however, Christians today who hold to the perseverance of the saints while at the same time rejecting the other four points. We believe, however, and will try to show later on, that this is an inconsistency in their thinking. (The Five Points of Calvinism, Moelker Printing Co. [Grand Rapids, Michigan], 1954 ed, p. 59.)**

In keeping with his expert opinion of this theology, Palmer went on to write about the perseverance of the saints:

This doctrine also naturally follows from the doctrine of the **limited atonement** ... (ibid., p. 61).

In other words, if the doctrine of *limited atonement* is true, then so is the perseverance of the saints. But then on the other hand, if limited atonement is untrue, so is eternal security. **The above two quotes from Palmer are valuable to Christians who know all five points of Calvinism are not from God and especially desire to help free some Calvinists from the theological snare they are trapped in.**

Many *Calvinists*, who are less than five pointers, correctly reject *limited atonement* because of the Scriptural evidence which powerfully and clearly teaches that Jesus died for every person who ever lived and not just for those who will enter God's kingdom in the end. It is, therefore, *inconsistent* for eternal security proponents to reject limited atonement and still believe in the favorite fifth point—eternal security! Again, this is not my conclusion, but the conclusion of one who knew Calvinism when he was alive, much better than the vast majority does today.

In 1980, the year of Palmer's death, an enlarged edition of this same book was released. In this more recent edition the words were slightly changed from the previous quote, while retaining its essence:

**All five points of Calvinism hang or fall together (The Five Points of Calvinism, Baker Books [Grand Rapids, Michigan], 1980 enlarged edition, p. 69).**

Dear reader, if you know that any of the five points of Calvinism are unscriptural, then the rest are as well. All a Christian has to do, therefore, is to refute any of the five points of Calvinism and by doing so he has destroyed all five points, according to Dr. Palmer himself. But dear Christian, please be assured that people who embrace Calvinism's beloved fifth point won't surrender it easily. They often feel just like Palmer did as reflected in his following statement:

**The teaching of "once saved, always saved" is one of the grandest of Biblical teachings (ibid., p. 79).** ††

## The Dangers of Drunkenness

Alcohol results when sugar reacts with yeast during fermentation. Although there are different kinds of alcohol, the kind in an alcoholic beverage is *ethyl alcohol*. It can produce a variety of feelings, alter moods, affect the physical body and become addicting.

*Inhibitions* are the first to be suppressed when alcohol is consumed, which results in talking more, becoming disorderly and acting foolishly. *Time* is the only way to rid the body of alcohol after it has been consumed—approximately one hour per ounce of alcohol. As little as one or two drinks can adversely affect a driver's judgment and reaction time.

Drunkenness (and/or alcoholism) is a very serious problem in our society. The statistics associated with drinking alcohol are both alarming and disturbing, especially from a Christian point of view:

- In America alone there are 14,000,000 people who are alcoholics.
- Among 15 year olds, girls binge drink at a rate almost the same as that of the boys.
- 20% of the suicides are alcoholics.
- 50% of all traffic fatalities are related to alcohol abuse.
- 1/3 of all traffic accidents are related to alcohol abuse.
- 50% of all homicides in the USA are related to alcohol abuse.
- The average American consumes more beer than coffee or milk.
- Alcohol increases the risk of car accidents, drowning, violence and physical diseases.
- Any alcohol consumption during pregnancy is risky for the offspring.
- 40% of school students consumed alcohol before age 13.
- Over 3,000,000 teenagers in the 14-17 year age bracket in America are problem drinkers.
- 62% of high school seniors say they have been drunk.
- 44% of all college students binge drink, that is, drink to get drunk.
- School students consume more alcohol than smoke cigarettes.
- Single car fatal accidents are 3 times higher at night among 15-20 year olds than other fatal crashes.
- Non-Hispanic whites aged 15-20 binge drink more than other racial groups.
- Males are nearly three times more likely to be problem drinkers than females.

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# Do NOT Be Deceived!

According to the Bible, to enter the kingdom of God after getting “born again” you MUST:



- Go through many hardships (Acts 14:22).
- Bear good fruit or **get thrown into the fire** (Jn. 15:6; Mt. 7:19; 3:10).
- Sow to please the Spirit to reap **eternal life** (Gal. 6:8).
- Stand firm through hatred **to the end to be saved** (Mt. 10:22).
- Do what is right **to be righteous** (1 Jn. 3:7,8).
- By the Spirit put to death the misdeeds of the body **to live** (Rom. 8:13b).
- Persist in doing good so that God will give you **eternal life** (Rom. 2:7).
- Live holy or **the second death will have power over you** (Heb. 12:14; Rev. 20:6).
- Forgive others who sin against you **so that your sins can be forgiven** (Mt. 6:14,15) and so **you won't be accountable once again for your previously forgiven sins** (Mt. 18:21-35).
- Continue to believe on Jesus so that you will **live and never die** (Jn. 11:25,26).
- Continue in the teaching of Christ or **be without God and eternal life** (2 Jn. 9; 1 Jn. 2:24,25).
- Hold firmly to the word Paul preached **so that your believing is not in vain** (1 Cor. 15:2).
- Keep yourself from idols (1 Jn. 5:21), for all idolaters will be thrown into the **lake of fire** (Rev. 21:8).
- Hold firmly till the end the confidence you had at first **to share in Christ** (Heb. 3:14).
- Remain faithful to God to the very end **so you won't be hurt by the lake of fire** (Rev. 2:10, 11 cf. 21:8).
- Continue to do the will of the Heavenly Father **to live forever** (Mt. 7:21; 1 Jn. 2:17).
- Love God for **the kingdom of God** has been prepared for all who do (1 Cor. 2:9; James 2:5).
- Hold on to your courage and the hope of which you boast **to remain God's house** (Heb. 3:6).
- Hate your life in this world **to keep it for eternal life** (Jn. 12:25).
- Keep making an agonizing effort **to enter God's kingdom doors** for many who try will not enter (Lk.13:23,24).
- Hold on to faith and a good conscience **to prevent shipwrecking your faith** (1 Tim. 1:19).
- Keep yourself **pure** (1 Tim. 5:22) for **the pure in heart will see God** (Mt. 5:8).
- Be an overcomer and faithful follower to escape the **lake of fire** (Rev. 21:7,8; 2:10,11; 17:14).
- Have your mind set on what the Spirit desires **to live in accord with the Spirit** (Rom. 8:5).
- Continue in God's kindness and faith or **get cut off like the Jews** (Rom. 11:19-23).
- **Be afraid (and not arrogant) of getting cut off like the Jews** (Rom. 11:20).
- Discipline your body and make it your slave **so you won't become disqualified** (1 Cor. 9:27).
- Keep a tight reign on your tongue or **your religion is worthless** (James 1:26).

**Turn over**

**If you are one of the few to escape Hell and enter the Kingdom of God, it will be because you are trusting in and faithfully following JESUS.**

# Do NOT Be Deceived!

According to the Bible, to enter the kingdom of God after getting “born again” you MUST NOT:



- Disown Christ or **he will disown you** (Mt. 10:33).
- Live according to the sinful nature or **you will die spiritually** (Rom. 8:13).
- **Reject God** by living an unholy life (1 Thess. 4:7,8).
- Defile your temple or **God will destroy you** (1 Cor. 3:17).
- Wander from the truth and remain unrepentant (James 5:19,20).
- Save your life or **you will lose it** (Mt. 16:25,26 cf. Mt. 10:28; Rev. 12:11).
- Become lukewarm and remain lukewarm or **you'll get spewed out of the body of Christ** (Rev. 3:15,16).
- Hide your talent so **you won't be thrown outside into the darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth** (Mt. 25:24-30).
- **Believe for a while and in time of testing "fall away"** (Lk. 8:13 cf. Mt. 13:21).
- Sow to please the sinful nature for those who do **will reap destruction** (Gal. 6:8).
- Live according to the acts of the sinful nature or **you will not inherit the kingdom of God** (Gal. 5:19-21).
- Depart from the Father to a life of unrestrained sinning or **you will become spiritually dead and lost** (Lk. 15:24,32).
- Become a drunkard, sexually immoral, greedy, a liar, etc., which will cause you to **not inherit the kingdom of God but instead end up in the lake of fire** (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5-7; Rev. 21:8; 22:15; Mk. 7:20-23).
- Worship the beast, his image or receive his mark, because all who do **will be tormented forever with burning sulfur** (Rev. 14:9-12).
- Take words away from this book of prophecy and have **God take from you your share in the tree of life and the holy city** (Rev. 22:19).
- Preach a false gospel and become **eternally condemned** (Gal. 1:8,9).
- Soil your spiritual clothes and stay that way or **you will be unworthy to be with Jesus** (Rev. 3:2-5).
- Forsake Jesus and God as your first love and remain unrepentant or **forfeit your right to the tree of life in the paradise of God** (Rev. 2:4-7).
- Choose to be a friend of this world or **you will become an enemy of God** (James 4:4).
- Look back now that you have put your hand to the plow or **you won't be fit for God's kingdom** (Lk. 9:62).
- Become impure, shameful or deceitful or **you will not enter New Jerusalem** (Rev. 21:27).
- Fall from grace or **Christ will be of no benefit to you** (Gal. 5:4).
- **Be overcome by evil** but instead overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).
- Forsake God or **he'll forsake you and you'll perish** (2 Chron. 15:2; Isa. 1:28).
- Turn to crooked ways and **get banished with evildoers** (Psa. 125:5).
- Stray from the path of understanding and **come to rest with the spiritually dead** (Pr. 21:16).
- Turn from your righteousness and do evil or **you will die spiritually** (Ezek. 3:20; 18:24; 33:18; Rom. 8:13).
- Think you are standing firm or **you will fall** (1 Cor. 10:12 cf. 2 Pet. 1:5-10).

Turn over

If you are a backslider, repent and come back to God to serve Him to reverse your spiritually dead and lost condition.

## How Important Are Your Words?

The majority of the population speaks hundreds, if not multiple thousands, of words daily. We need words to communicate our thoughts. **These same words which are spoken are vastly more significant and revealing than most would ever tend to recognize.** What you are about to read are some very sobering facts about words, as God sees them. Now is the time to adjust and make vital changes where changes are needed. **For your own sake, as well as for others around you,** take to heart what the Bible declares about the *importance of words that you have been, presently are and will yet be speaking.*

The Bible speaks of two types of people—the *wicked* and the *righteous*, which at times are described with different terms. You might be surprised to know that the words spoken by these two types of people are vastly different. **First let's notice some facts about the wicked.**

### Wicked and Deceitful Words

David, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, described unsaved people. Notice what he wrote, especially about their *words*:

An oracle is within my heart **concerning the sinfulness of the wicked:** There is no fear of God before his eyes. For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. **The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful;** he has ceased to be wise and to do good. Even on his bed he plots evil; he commits himself to a sinful course and does not reject what is wrong (Psa. 36:1-4).

Regarding the *wicked*, David said: (1) They have no fear of God, (2) The reason why they don't hate or detect their own sin, (3) **Their words are wicked and deceitful** and (4) They plan evil and chose not to reject wrong.

Here are more details about the words of the *wicked*:

In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD. In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies. He says to himself, "Nothing will shake me; I'll always be happy and never have trouble." **His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue** (Psa. 10:2-7).

But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. **You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son**" (Psa. 50:16-20).

A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire (Prov. 16:27).

Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous (Psa.

31:18).

They close up their callous hearts, and **their mouths speak with arrogance** (Psa. 17:10).

### The Mouth of the Righteous

In contrast, the *righteous* speak differently:

**The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom,** and his tongue speaks what is **just** (Psa. 37:30).

**The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,** but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked (Prov. 10:11).

**The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,** but a perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but **the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse** (Prov. 10:31, 32).

**The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,** but the heart of the wicked is of little value (Prov. 10:20).

**The lips of the wise spread knowledge;** not so the hearts of fools (Prov. 15:7).

### By Your Words!

Again, *words help to identify a person as wicked (or righteous) and not just one's actions.* All through the Bible this truth is declared, that is, we can indeed identify who is saved and who is not saved, even though we cannot see their heart. (This Biblical fact, however, is flatly denied by the eternal security teachers who want us to think the elect can behave and speak just like the unsaved yet remain a *Christian*.)

**Words, which come from the heart, reveal the present-tense spiritual condition of that heart.** Jesus spoke to wicked people, whom he called *brood of vipers*, and disclosed some of the most profound and fearful truths about words found in the Bible:

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? **For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.** The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. **But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned** (Mat. 12:34-37).

Imagine giving an account on Judgment Day for your *words*. The Bible clearly teaches this:

**Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.** Mercy triumphs over judgment! (James 2:12,13)

Jesus taught words proceed from the *heart*. Hence, words are a byproduct of one's heart revealing its spiritual condition. **Have you ever noticed the disturbing words of the unsaved around you, especially when they blaspheme the precious, holy and saving name of Jesus?** Few godly people haven't. The Bible

declares the wicked misuse God's name:

They speak of you with evil intent; your **adversaries misuse your name** (Psa. 139:20).

While God's enemies misuse his holy name, **the righteous praise his holy name**.

### **Nabal, a Wicked Man**

Notice how Nabal was described by some who knew him well:

He [Nabal] is **such a wicked man that no one can talk to him** (1 Sam. 25:17).

To be more precise Nabal was *insulting* (verse 14), as well as *surlily and mean in his dealings* (v. 3). But there is even more which reveals his evil heart—he was a **drunkard**:

When Abigail went to Nabal, he was in the house holding a banquet like that of a king. **He was** in high spirits and **very drunk**. So she told him nothing until daybreak. Then in the morning, when Nabal was sober, his wife told him all these things, and **his heart failed him** and he became like a stone. About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died (1 Sam. 25:36-38).

Nabal had a wicked heart and it was revealed by his actions and **words**. God killed Nabal.

### **Sinning in Word**

Since sinning is such a serious issue, if for no other reason, one should **speak less to avoid sinning**. Have you ever thought about the various ways one can sin with words? Here are some of the ways: discord, slander, lying, filthy language, strife, blasphemy and disowning Jesus. **Our own words can be our spiritual downfall**. Perhaps that is why Christians are told:

But now you must **rid yourselves** of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips (Col. 3:8).

Therefore, **rid yourselves** of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind (1 Pet. 2:1).

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God** (Gal. 5:19-21).

Our words can most definitely hurt and even destroy us spiritually:

A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating. A fool's mouth is his undoing, and **his lips are a snare to his soul** (Prov. 18:6,7).

Hence, we are told truths like the following:

When words are many, sin is not absent, but **he who holds**

**his tongue is wise** (Prov. 10:19).

Two extremely important truths are found in this last passage: (1) We can sin with words and will if *many* words are spoken and (2) A person is spiritually *wise* to speak less (and sometimes not at all). Similarly, we also read in the NT the importance of being *slow to speak*:

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, **slow to speak** and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires (James 1:19,20).

**Be slow to speak** and slow to get angry. Furthermore, you can actually prevent trouble (and disaster) for yourself in the future by **guarding your words now**:

He who **guards his mouth and his tongue** keeps himself from calamity (Prov. 21:23).

Notice how your words (and behavior) steer the way your life goes. To alter the words that proceed from your lips will **change your life for the better**, if you modify them, according to Scripture:

Whoever would love life and see good days **must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech**. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil (1 Pet. 3:10-12).

**Hold your tongue, be slow to speak, guard your mouth and keep your lips from evil and deceitful speech is the repetitive language of the Bible**. But that is not all—we should also **pray regarding our future words as well**:

**Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips**. Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies (Psa. 141:3,4).

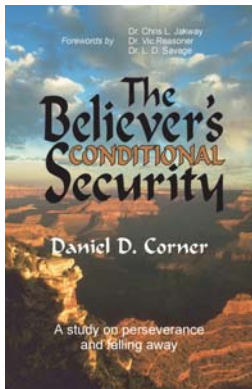
May **the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart** be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psa. 19:14).

**One of David's personal spiritual goals was to conquer his tongue and he prayed to God for help. Have you ever prayed like he did for such?** Obviously, he was taking his own words very seriously, as we should likewise do:

A prayer of David. Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; **I have resolved that my mouth will not sin** (Psa. 17:1-3) ....

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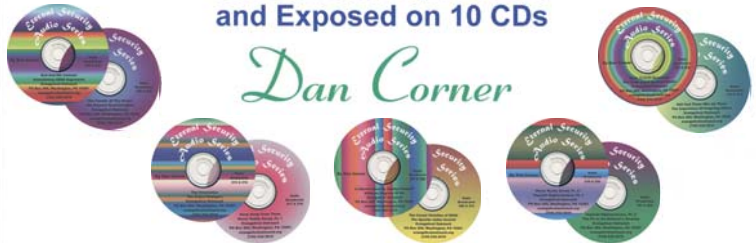
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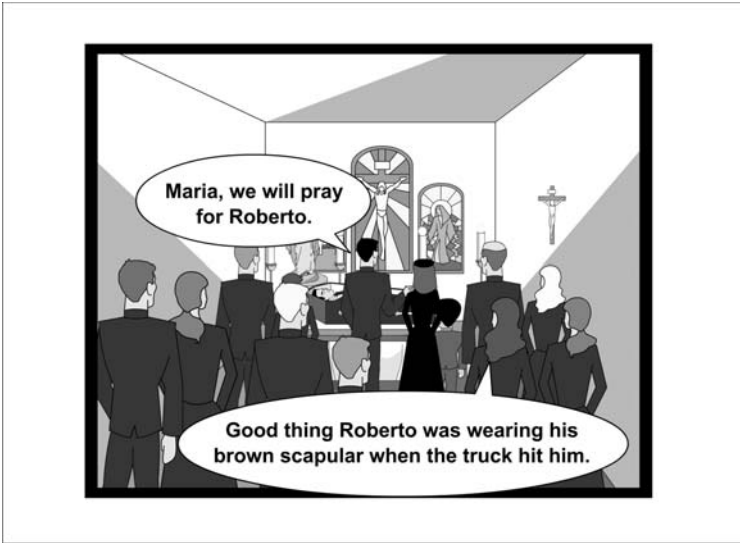
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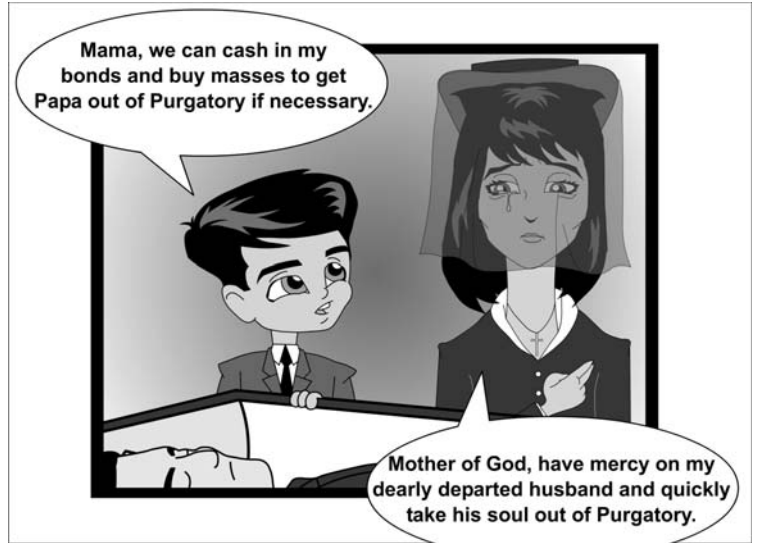
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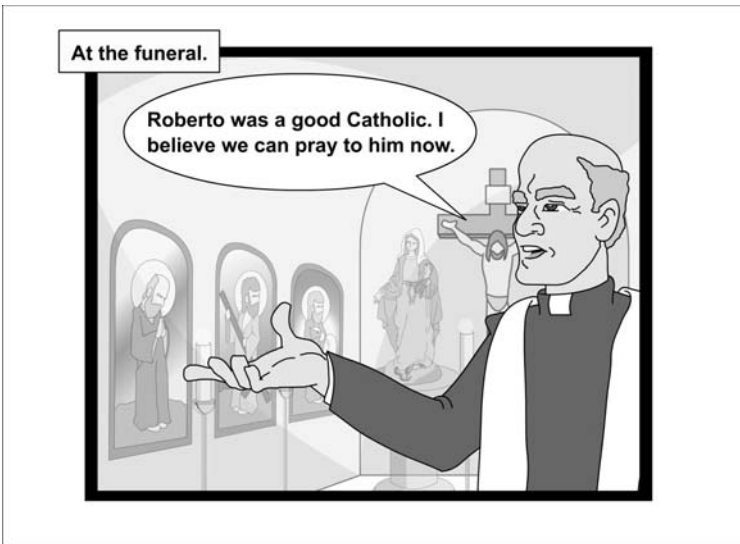
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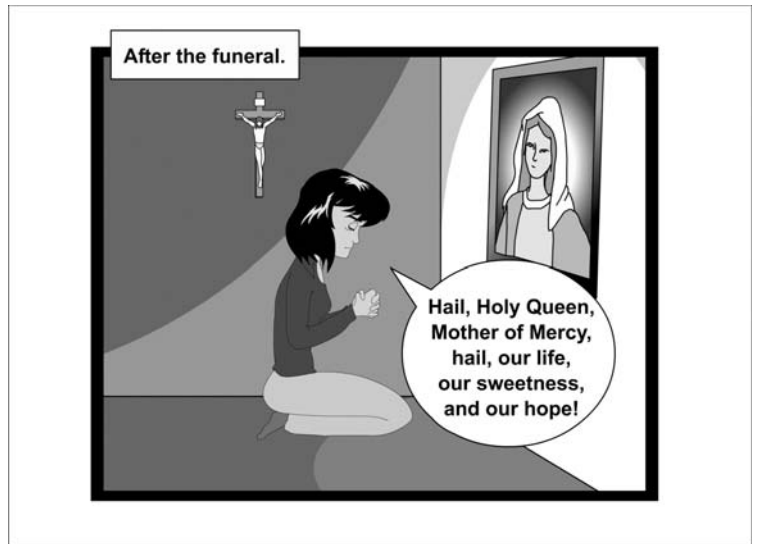
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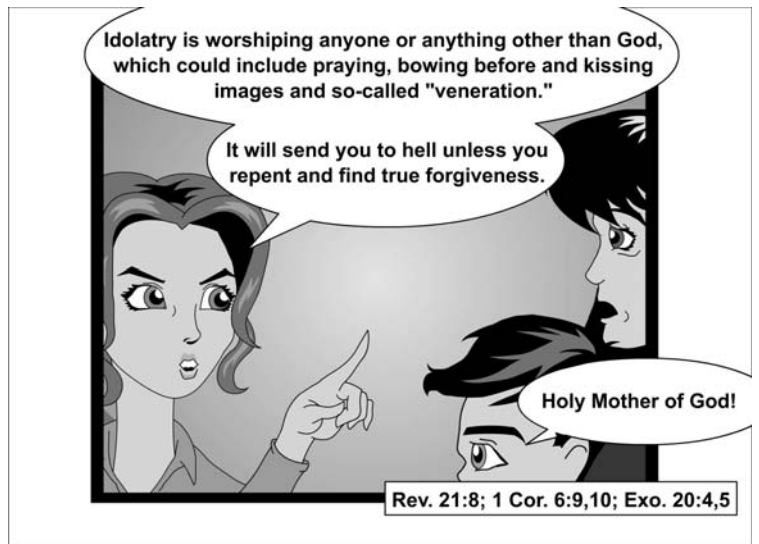
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Col. 3:4; 1 Tim. 1:1; Mt. 11:29; 6:6

Rev. 21:8; 1 Cor. 6:9,10; Exo. 20:4,5

You must repent and stop trusting in and praying to Mary as well as kissing the crucifix on Good Friday. Ask God to forgive you because the priest cannot.

Acts 26:20; Mk. 2:7; Psa. 79:9; Lk. 13:3; 18:13

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My sister, you left the one true Church founded by Jesus on Peter the rock.

Maria, I could not remain in any religious system that teaches contrary to the Holy Scriptures. We must worship God in spirit and in truth where the real plan of salvation is taught.

\*\*Jn. 4:24; Gal. 1:8-10; 2 Jn. 10,11

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Jesus taught there are only 2 gates, 2 roads, 2 groups of people and 2 eternal destinies. There is no Purgatory and most people go to Hell.

The priest never told us that!

Mt. 7:13,14; Lk. 13:23,24

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\*\* 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Mt. 8:14; Acts 15:13-21

What about sacred tradition and Peter the first pope?

The Bible contains God's eternal truths about salvation for mankind. We must avoid so-called traditions that contradict the Bible.

Peter was married, and James was the leader of the first church council. There was no pope in the early church.

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We must turn from all of our sins and place 100% of our trust in Jesus alone for salvation. Mary, church membership and the sacraments can't save us.

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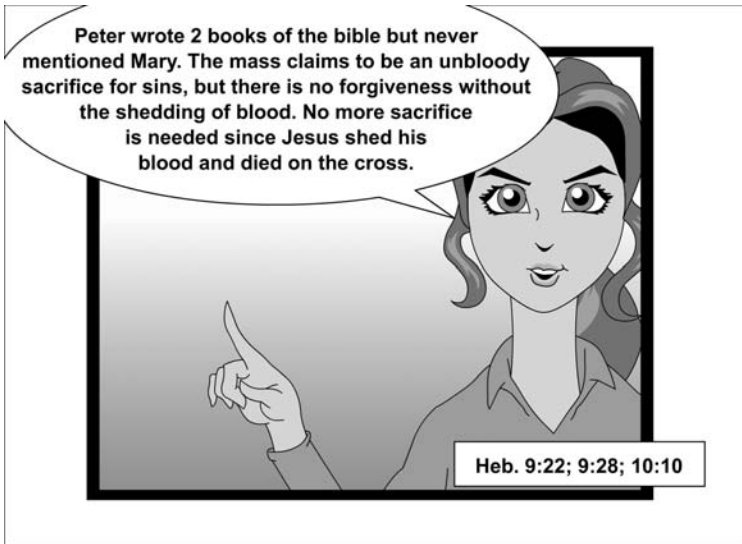
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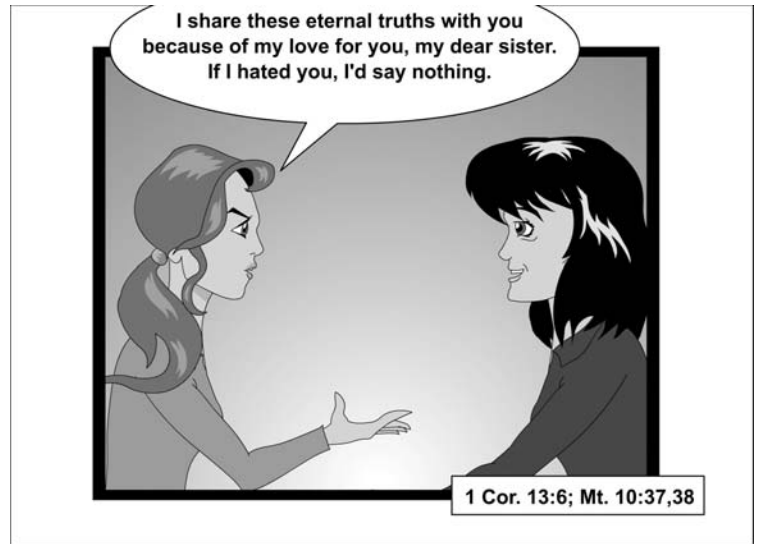
Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except through him. He's the only mediator between God and men. The Fatima visions dangerously teach Mary is the "way" to God in contrast to what Jesus taught.

Jn. 14:6; 1 Tim 2:5

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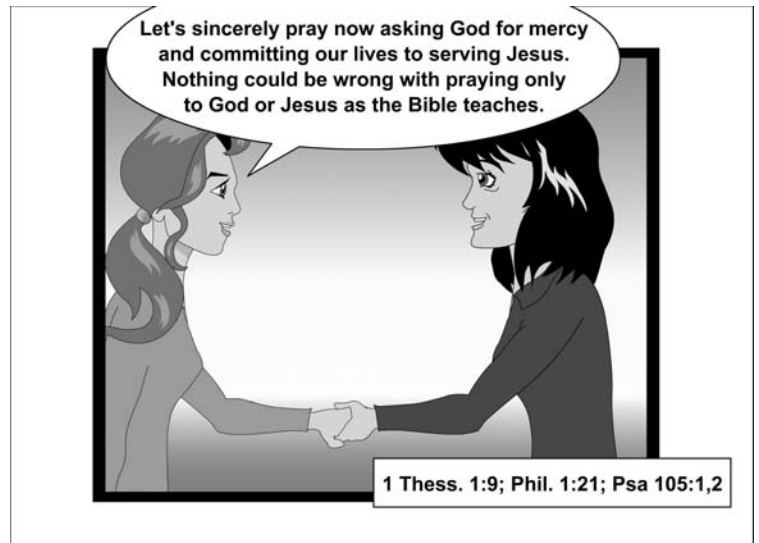
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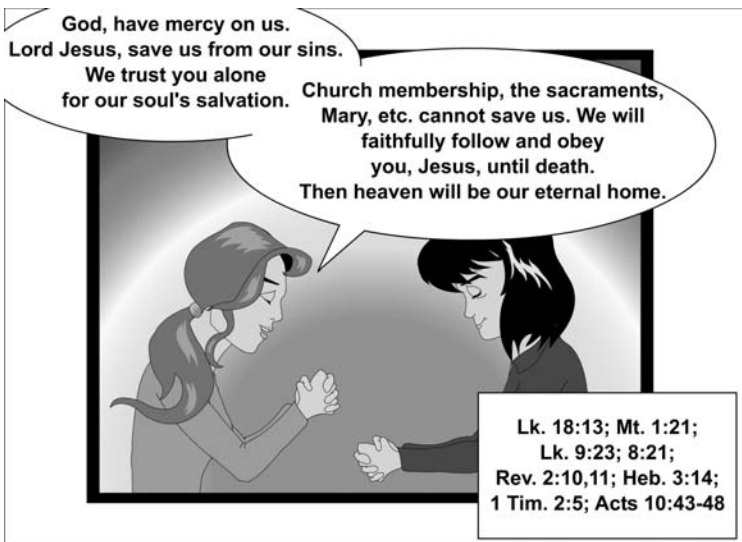
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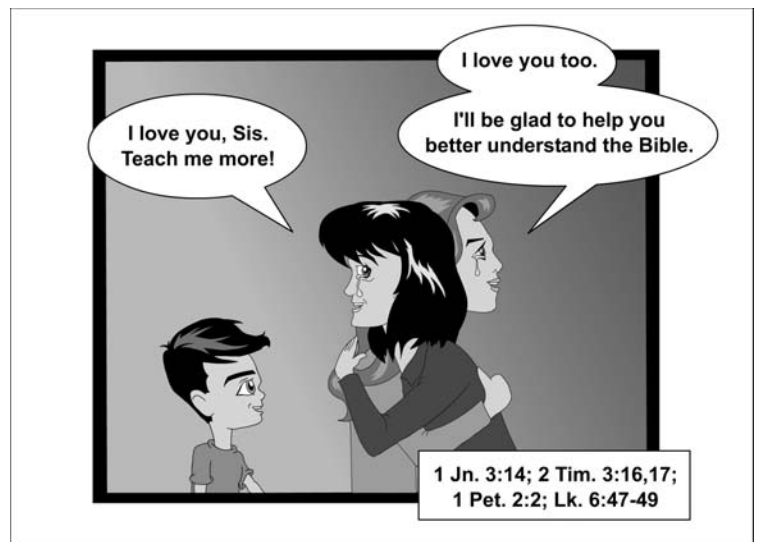
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## More Catholic Information

Many Catholics needlessly continue in unscriptural ways (praying to Mary, believing in Purgatory, attending mass, bowing before images, wearing the brown scapular, etc.) because they have never taken the time to sincerely seek out the truth, as declared in the Bible. However, for the ones that have and acted upon the word of God, there is salvation and forgiveness of sins. **Dear reader, if you are a Catholic, what could be wrong with going directly to the actual teachings of the Lord Jesus and his apostles, as found in the Bible, and acting on them above all others?**

**Sincerity alone will not bring about salvation.** There are many sincere but unsaved religious people in various denominations and religions. Such people claim to believe in God, but don't know Him as a true child of God with salvation. The Bible was written to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:15).

While it might seem to make perfect sense in the natural that we can pass our love and worship on to the one represented by a statue, this is not the way God has chosen for us to do these things. Bowing before and kissing an image is condemned by Scripture as idolatry. Furthermore, such actually is an expression of hatred towards God (Ex. 20:4,5) even though it is done unknowingly. God wants us to worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). Scripture declares we show our love for Jesus and God by *obeying* their commands (John 14:14; 1 John 5:3).

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**It is somewhat common for Catholics to think a person who left the Catholic religion has joined a *cult* or some false religion.**

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It is somewhat common for Catholics to think a person who left the Catholic religion has joined a *cult* or some false religion. Perhaps at times, this is a clever design to stop others who know that person from considering their Scriptural arguments. Certainly for the ones who find salvation through reading the Bible and placing their faith in Jesus, such a departure from Catholicism is based on truth and fear of God, as defined in Scripture.

It is out of love for the person that former Catholics who are Christians share the truths that were spoken to Maria. If her sister hated her she wouldn't say anything and just let her continue in these false ways which will end in spiritual disaster. To label such a concerned Christian a *Catholic basher*, or the like, is nothing but a slanderous, untrue charge. All people, regardless if they are Catholic or not, vitally need to know the truth about salvation. It is the Christian's responsibility before God to spread these Scriptural truths to every person, regardless what denomination they are in. Such truth can seem very disturbing for those who are embracing falsehood and desire to remain there.

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary is the "Gate" between Heaven and Earth and ascribes many other unscriptural titles and concepts to her. Another very common one is that she is "our life, sweetness and hope," as expressed in the Rosary. Such is not the Mary of the Bible, but a horrible and dangerous distortion of the truth about the mother of Jesus of Nazareth. In contrast to all of these Catholic concepts about Mary being connected with our salvation, we have the word of God which states such belongs uniquely to the **Lord Jesus**. **The object of our faith is clearly shown, in the New Testament, to be the *one* who died on the cross for our sins and rose again from**

the grave. He is the *one* who was preached about by the apostles, for salvation is only found in Jesus (Acts 4:12).

Concisely stated, these are the facts that God wants all people to know: **We must get Biblically saved and then stay saved to enter his paradise kingdom after physical death.** Sadly though, staying saved doesn't always happen. Many people truly turn from their sins and submit their will to the Lord Jesus as they trust him for salvation, but afterwards they depart from the faith and go back to their old sins. Such apostates (former Christians) need to know that there will be no entrance into God's kingdom for them apart from following Jesus and remaining faithful to him to the end. They must again repent and come back to God (as the prodigal did) to become *alive again* (Luke 15:24,32). To be saved (that is, actually enter God's paradise, eternal kingdom), a true disciple must endure the hatred that will come for following Jesus to the end of his life (Mt. 10:22; Heb. 3:14). All of these truths and much more are found in the New Testament. What one does with the message of the Bible will indeed affect his eternal destiny. This includes YOU, the reader. God bless you. For more information, please come to our web site. ††

## Could This be the Great Apostasy?

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and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you." (Ex. 4:10-14)

Remember: God overlooked Aaron, who was Moses's older brother and who spoke well, to pick Moses, who was *slow of speech and tongue*.

**Either one of the two Scriptural standards in 1 Tim. 3 or Titus would eliminate 99% of the spiritual leaders in the church of our hour**—together there would be almost a clean sweep. Our present day spiritual leaders, for the most part, are *ignorant* of the Scriptures, slothful, worldly, spiritually blind, pleasure seekers and asleep. **The ones that do have zeal seem to be only zealous to spread their unique teaching, which sets them apart from all other groups.** One such example would be the people who wrongly think *water baptism is necessary for forgiveness of sins*. Another is *keeping the Saturday Sabbath for salvation*.

Moreover, many leaders are there for the wrong reason. We went to one congregation and the present *pastor* got in that position because he lost his job and needed a source of income! If he didn't have influential supporters from that group (his immediate family) he would not have been there as pastor. Is it any wonder why people can't find a sound church in their area?

To have such men that are not Scripturally qualified, as examples and teachers, will result in many souls perishing. Getting back to Moses and Aaron, later in Exodus we read where Aaron, as a spiritual leader, failed and stumbled the vast majority into idolatry with the golden calf. He was a prime example of a man-pleaser, like many are today.

Similarly, **in our day, there are unqualified (and dangerous) spiritual leaders everywhere.** Often people want some kind of ministry, but aren't qualified. They went, but weren't sent. They answered, but weren't called:

I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied (Jer. 23:21).

Hence, their influence can be a detriment to others, as well as to themselves. For example, to put a new convert in the position of spiritual leadership, will jeopardize that new convert's salvation.

**He must not be a recent convert**, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil (1 Tim. 3:6).

Scripture says blind leaders are **spiritually dangerous** people:

If a **blind** man leads a blind man, **both will fall into a pit** (Mat. 15:14).

Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. O my people, **your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path** (Isa. 3:12).

**You have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble ...** (Mal. 2:8).

Blind leaders are everywhere, yet considered reputable and informed. They are even in Bible colleges and seminaries.

### Too Little Time for the Bible

Multitudes of church people are so worn out and tired from working two jobs to make all of the payments they owe, they have little quality time, if any, to read the Bible for themselves. Their lives are too busy with the cares of this life, temporal pursuits and TV watching to read their eternal contract book with God [the Bible]. **They, therefore, just dangerously trust some popular, respected, religious teacher or dear family member who loves them.** Since these people are not acquainted with the Scriptures, as they need to be, they can't discern the *deadly errors* being taught. And since these *teachers* are blind themselves, they can't feed and warn the sheep as the sheep need fed and warned. Even if the pastors were able to feed the sheep many wouldn't and if they did the majority of their listeners wouldn't like it or tolerate it. These *shepherds* get their easy-to-receive sermons out of books, rather than going directly to the Bible for themselves. Many so-called pastors are not able to preach their own sermons from their personal study of the Bible. Instead of preaching the *word* as they are commanded (2 Tim. 4:2), they tell jokes, stories, give book reports and smile a lot to use up the time. The sheep need fed wholesome spiritual food, but they aren't getting it. Hence, they are getting weaker and weaker and dying spiritually.

Levity from the pulpit is another area worthy of criticism. Scripture teaches *how* the Word of God is to be delivered:

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. **In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech** that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us (Titus 2:7,8).

Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, **in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God** (2 Cor. 2:17).

If anyone speaks, **he should do it as one speaking the very words of God ...** (1 Pet. 4:11).

I once went to meeting where the majority of people there were unsaved. The teacher was doing a fine job giving out the word of God and unsaved people were being convicted, until he changed his tone and told a joke. **That killed the conviction that had been there beforehand.**

### False Doctrine

There is no doubt that the devil has been busy and very successful tempting people into sin and false doctrines. He has done such an excellent job that the **wickedness in the church is so rampant that the divorce rate has exceeded those outside the church and this is not even a concern!** This is a whole separate issue in itself, but suffice it to say that a **very large percentage of remarried people in the so-called church are actually in adultery**, as are their spouses. **This also includes those pastoring congregations and teaching over the radio. Some of these leaders have been remarried two, three and four times.** The congregations are polluted with such forms of *adultery* and almost no one seems to be aware of this or even cares anymore. But God sees all this *adultery*. He has not changed his holy standards by the flood of wickedness and unfaithfulness inside the church of our hour. All this hurts the holy image of Christianity as a whole. And because of the multiple church scandals, the church (in the eyes of the world) is a *joke* and lacks the power needed to live *holy*. **Wickedness, ignorance and deception are so prevalent, it is often grieving to attend a church service.** It seems to be a repeat from Jeremiah's day:

**To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it** (Jer. 6:10).

Because the sin-filled parishioners are sitting before a *blind* and ignorant leader ("pastor") that seems to only want to *teach* his 20 minute message to appease his audience, and especially the big money-givers, little or no word is being preached. If the word was taught, the people would find it *offensive* because they are in sin and don't see any real reason to repent. Hence, the vital message of faithful and unshamed commitment to Jesus, as well as repentance, holy living and endurance for salvation, has been replaced with: (1) tolerance for everyone, (2) God loves us all and (3) let's not judge. It has been this way for decades in many congregations and the people there like it that way. They are comfortable in their sins and no one better bring Holy Spirit conviction upon them, because such won't be tolerated by the complacent pew warmers.

In one denominational "church" various potential pastors were candidating for the position and one of the so-called elders, who would help decide who would be the next pastor, said *we don't want someone who is going to shove the word down our throats!* The churches want soft, easy and short teachings, entertainment, softball teams, swim ministries and their laughing revivals. High on their priority list is entertainment. Since so many are already addicted to TV watching—spending multiple hours each day before it, they are in an entertainment mode, which the present church leaders have helped to produce and perpetuate.

## The Damnable Heresy of *Eternal Security*

Of all of the **damnable heresies** that are being preached by the blind guides, the worst one is *eternal security* (also known as the perseverance of the saints or once saved always saved). This security-in-sin gospel has spread around the world and many now question the salvation of a true Christian who rejects it. Many of the same don't question the salvation of an adulterer or drunkard who was once saved, but do if you dismiss eternal security.

As mentioned earlier, one of the spiritual qualifications for a leader in the church is doctrinal soundness. To be more precise, **he must be able to refute those that oppose sound doctrine** (Titus 1:9). Our hour is so dark, that the established leaders themselves are boldly teaching the damnable heresy of eternal security as the *gospel* itself instead of refuting it as should be done. The heretics are supposed to be outside the church, but now they have the platforms in the church, at the radio and TV stations, with book publishers and they have won the favor of large donators. The deadly lies about eternal security continually gush forth, with little to no challenge at all, to the eternal detriment of precious, sincere souls who really want to know the truth.

Moreover, many of the few who recognize eternal security is not a Christian teaching think that Christians of present and past can (or did) teach this doctrine which is the exact opposite of what the Book of Jude proclaims. **How could it be this bad except for apostasy!** Even the so-called *discernment, countercult and apologetic ministries* teach and try to defend eternal security. **We have noticed that many who come out of a false religion like Mormonism, Catholicism or Jehovah's Witnesses, often get immediately ensnared by one of these *countercult, discernment or berean* ministries that teach the damnable heresy of eternal security.**

## The Prosperity Message

The Prosperity Message is a subtle poison which promotes greed and materialism. I remember hearing one such teacher say he can tell *what kind of faith* a person has *by the kind of car he drives*. Such is so far from the message of the Bible that it bears no resemblance. If it was Biblical, then the Lord's disciples, who were poor, must have had weak faith which is flatly refuted by Jesus himself:

I [Jesus] know your afflictions and **your poverty—yet you are rich!** (Rev. 2:9).

**Jesus saw their material poverty, yet he said they were rich spiritually!** Such is also seen in the life of Paul. According to the following, he was materially *poor*, yet very rich spiritually. Listen to his concise autobiography:

For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour **we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless.** We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world (1 Cor. 4:9-13).

Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; **poor**, yet making many rich; **having nothing**, and yet possessing everything (2 Cor. 6:10).

**Some of the prosperity teachers also have taught if you have enough faith, you will never suffer *persecution*.** That is clearly not the teaching of Scripture, especially since Stephen was a man who was *filled with faith*, yet was persecuted to his physical death (Acts 6:5 cf. 7:54-60). Jesus also said his disciples would be hated and persecuted:

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.** Remember the words I spoke to you: "No servant is greater than his master." **If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.** If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also (John 15:19,20).

**If material possessions would indicate how close to God one was and/or how much faith or Scriptural knowledge he had, then Paul and his traveling companions were very far from where they should have been. But that certainly was not the case. They were very close to God and therefore material possessions were low on their priority list. They lived *holy* and committed lives as they often *risked their physical lives for the cause of souls*. Those are the kinds of examples that *turned the world upside down* in their generation. It has always been this way. For one to really stir his generation it takes a holy commitment to God that won't be moved even in the face of death.**

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## Little or No Fear of God

Because of the false teachings in our day, especially eternal security and that there is no fiery hell awaiting the wicked after their physical death, multitudes of church people have no fear of God and are primarily pursuing the same temporal and material things that the blinded and dead children of the devil follow after. This has led to untold trouble in multiple areas. Outside the church building, it is hard to recognize a church-goer from a rank pagan in our day. They both basically talk the same, have the same ambitions and goals that center around money and creature comforts. The power of a godly example is virtually gone from our society and with it many conversions.

## The Ecumenical Movement

**It is plenty bad enough with the aforementioned, but there is yet another mountainous problem that certainly identifies our present day church as *apostate*.** This one is sometimes known as the *ecumenical movement*. This horrible apostate hour has various ministers from Catholic to protestant swapping pulpits at least once a year. Such religious community leaders also meet together as a spiritual family and plan different kinds of religious events. They all seem to consider the other one *Christian*, and it is probably the person with the most people or money under his influence that will be in charge of the group!

In one assembly, a Catholic representative was scheduled to have communion at the Easter Sunrise Service along with the Christians there in a protestant denomination. Imagine that. Such an unholy alliance has led to more and more problems and people being led away from the truth and even becoming Catholic. **If this doesn't smell like apostasy how much more will it take?** By becoming a friend with the world many have become enemies of God again (James 4:4):

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

**They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods,** which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed (1 Tim. 4:1-6).

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—**having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them** (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Multitudes that profess to be *Christian* are described above—they have a form of godliness but deny its power. **The real Christians are commanded to have nothing to do with such religious people, but not in our day, when wickedness and friendship with the world are a priority.** *Let's unify* seems to be the norm among such groups. They all agree on the so-called *Lord's prayer* and *apostles creed*, but that is not the common denominator for true Christian unity. Holiness and sound doctrine are.

### The Pre-Tribulation Rapture Myth

Another ear-tickling teaching is the pre-trib rapture doctrine. This teaching states before real hard times, including nuclear war and the rise of antichrist, the Christians will meet the Lord in the air and forever be with him in paradise. **This has put the Christians off their guard and causes them to be unprepared for serious trouble and problems such as this world has never seen before and never will have again.** Imagine living in a society where people will openly worship the devil and the antichrist! The laws will dictate that no person will buy or sell anything without the mark of the antichrist on the forehead or right hand. To receive that mark to continue to eat food and buy gasoline for your car, etc. will mean that you will give your allegiance to the devil's man and even worship him or his image. There will be no churches to go to, no Christian internet sites, Bibles will be hard to come by, etc. Wickedness will reign, but it will still be worse! **The antichrist will target true Christians and locate them.**

With the technology we have today it is very easy to see how this could happen. The ones who remain faithful to Jesus will refuse the mark and either get their heads cut off or they will go into captivity:

**Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"**

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. **He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them.** And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. **He who has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints** (Rev. 13:4-10).

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.** They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4).

**There will be no worldwide Christian revival, like some think will occur and then usher in the return of the Lord.** Such is not found in the pages of the Bible. With the above being the future of this planet, according to the Bible, how can so many be deceived by the prevalent teaching of a pre-trib rapture? Just wanting this to be true doesn't make it true.

**Now is the time to prepare yourself spiritually for death and martyrdom, which all Christians should walk in constantly anyway.** The blood of the saints will flow, as the heads of the faithful roll. Dear Christian, if we are the last generation this will include you too, unless you make the spiritually fatal decision to take the mark to save your physical life. Are you prepared to face the antichrist and die for your faith? **The Christians that succumb to the pressures to save their physical lives and take the mark will lose their salvation. They will only be gaining a few years at most and will get painful, ugly sores here and now, even before being thrown into the lake of fire for eternity. There will be no repentance for them:**

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: **"If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."** This calls for patient endurance on the part of the

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saints who obey God's commandments and **remain faithful to Jesus** (Rev. 14:9-12).

Our generation loves religious fairytales, including the pre-trib teaching. Even some that know the teaching of eternal security (or the Calvinistic equivalent of "the perseverance of the saints") is demonic, love the pre-trib rapture myth. **One can only wonder when nuclear war breaks out, what will happen to the faith of many that believe they should have been raptured, but weren't? Many will probably fall away when that occurs because they were taught wrongly.**

## KJV Onlyism

Besides all of the above grievous problems, the devil has ripped and splintered even more of the few real Christians over the ridiculous *KJV only* issue. **Please know that I'm not referring to all KJV users, just those who think the KJV is the only Bible that contains God's word.** To these people the chief issue is to see to it that every Christian only reads the archaic and almost incomprehensible KJV. To them all other translations are *perversions*. One of their chief un-scholarly scholars, Gail Riplinger, seems to focus on *left out* words, phrases or verses that the newer translations don't have when compared to the KJV. It apparently has never dawned on her or her followers, that perhaps the KJV added those words, phrases and verses. (Please see our *Critique of Gail Riplinger's Scholarship and KJV Onlyism*.)

If one reads only the KJV he will have a limited understanding of the Bible because the wording is so outdated and misleading. Not only will the words, that few have ever heard of before, frustrate and discourage the KJV onlyite, the words they think they know often mean something different. In one congregation, they first read the KJV, then immediately read a newer translation to find out what the KJV Scripture was saying!

The people that fight for the King James Bible alone are, from our observation, mainly very aggressive, misinformed and highly divisive. **They consider you unworthy to teach them, even on a subject they mutually agree on, unless you use only the KJV. To them, all books not based exclusively on the KJV, are at best inferior, solely on this single point.**

At other times they are seemingly rational, but when it comes to this, they blindly repeat what they have been taught by their misinformed leaders. **As discouraged, beaten down and disappointed many Christians are in our dark hour, this KJV only issue has actually made it worse. It is the icing on the devil's cake to cause even more harm.**

## The Yeshua Group

Similar to the KJV onlyism group are the Yeshua people. **Many, but not all, of these same people adamantly insist that Messiah's name is Yeshua and to use the name Jesus is pagan!** To try to reason with some of these people is like trying to penetrate the rock of Gibraltar with a water pistol. They don't care that Jesus' apostles were Hebrew, who wrote the New Testament in Greek, and the transliteration into English of the Greek name for Messiah is J-e-s-u-s. **Apart from these facts, they also overlook and can't explain how so many people have been brought to salvation and healed physically because of faith in the name of Jesus. If the holy, precious name of Jesus is really pagan as they say, then why would God honor it as he has for all these centuries?**

Furthermore, some of these *Yeshua* groups also believe in Saturday Sabbath keeping **for salvation** and the keeping of Old Testament dietary laws!

## Dark Days Getting Darker

May God help us all continue to *live holy* and walk in *love* despite all of the rampant wickedness, damnable doctrine and foolishness being declared in and around the so-called churches and ministries of our day. But, we really shouldn't be too surprised by all of this, since ***apostasy* will precede the rise of antichrist. So could this be the great apostasy that the Bible speaks of? Some think so and they might be right!** Perhaps the great apostasy referred to in 2 Thess. 2 is also alluded to in the following passage:

Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted and put to death**, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **At that time many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people (Mat. 24:9-11).

Certainly, Mt. 24:10 is referring to an apostasy, but it is associated with **persecution and being put to death for the Christian faith**. This would also fit into the days of the reign of antichrist, but not yet, at least not here in the USA. (In countries outside the USA, Christians are now dying for the faith.) Remember, Jesus taught the following to **those already saved**:

**All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved** (Mat. 10:22). ††

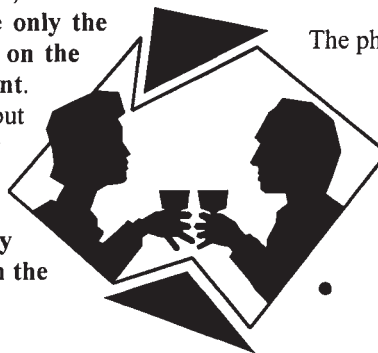
## The Dangers of Drunkenness

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- People with drinking problems have a **higher** rate of divorce.

The physical dangers of alcohol consumption include:

- Liver damage especially, but also brain, heart, bone marrow and gastrointestinal tract. Such can lead to cancer, high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack, cirrhosis, nerve problems, etc. When the liver is affected *nutrition* is also adversely impacted which will hurt the entire body.
- Becoming overweight. One glass of wine daily can add 10 pounds a year to your weight.



## The Greatest Danger

It is apparent that a wide variety of temporal problems stem from drinking alcohol, as just shown. The above cited dangers and sufferings for the drunk, however, are inconsequential and almost not even worth mentioning compared to the **greatest danger in the entire universe**—that of being thrown into **the lake of burning sulfur**, which is *forever*.

There are only two possible eternal destinies. If one doesn't *inherit* the kingdom of God he will be thrown into the lake of fire, and **drunkenness can prevent one from inheriting the kingdom of God**:

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality,

impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; **drunkenness**, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God** (Gal. 5:19-21).

**Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor **drunkards** nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And **that is what some of you were**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

According to the above passage, “once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic” is not true. It says *that is what they were* (past tense), but now they were different having been washed, sanctified and justified in the name of Lord Jesus and by the Holy Spirit. **Drunkards don’t need rehabilitation to get freed from alcohol addiction. They need salvation, which will immediately set them free from sin’s slavery and change their spiritual identity. Furthermore, there is no such thing as a Christian alcoholic since drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Jesus similarly taught about drunkenness:

But suppose the servant says to himself, “My master is taking a long time in coming,” and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get **drunk**. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. **He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers** (Luke 12:45, 46).

This last passage, among many others, refutes the teaching of eternal security for it is written about those who had been saved in the past.

### Four More Facts About Drunkenness

(1) It leads to debauchery:

Do not get **drunk** on wine, which leads to **debauchery**. Instead, be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

(2) It brings woe, sorrow, strife, complaints, needless bruises and bloodshot eyes:

Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaints? Who has needless bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes? **Those who linger over wine, who go to sample bowls of mixed wine**. Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! **In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper**. Your eyes will see strange sights and your mind imagine confusing things. You will be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the rigging. “They hit me,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt! They beat me, but I don’t feel it! When will I wake up so I can find another drink?” (Prov. 23:29-35)

(3) It reveals those who do get drunk as unwise:

**Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise** (Prov. 20:1).

(4) It disqualifies a person from spiritual leadership:

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to **drunkenness**, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money (1 Tim. 3:2, 3).

Since an overseer is entrusted with God’s work, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to **drunkenness**, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain (Titus 1:7).

### Miscellaneous Biblical Truths About Drunkenness

**Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine**. They have harps and lyres at their banquets, tambourines and flutes and wine, but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands (Isa. 5:11,12).

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and **drunkenness**, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature (Rom. 13:13, 14).

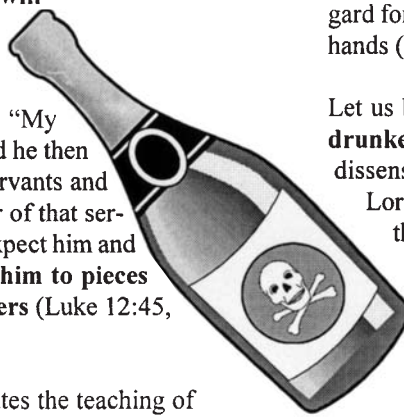
**It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother to fall** (Rom. 14:21).

Often people drink alcohol to numb their painful situations, with no thoughts of their final destination beyond the grave. There is, however, a much better way to find relief, which is also 100% safe. **That way is to come to God on his terms, that is, turn from your sins (repent) and place 100% of your trust in Jesus alone for your salvation. Unashamedly and faithfully follow him until your physical death to avoid being hurt by the second death or lake of fire. To turn to God from your idols will set you free from sin’s bondage, give you great peace within and the greatest purpose to live on earth—to serve God.**

Many true Christians in our present time used to be **alcoholics**. They have been set free from their ungodly desires for alcohol and have been drinking **living water** that only Jesus can give. **The same can be you!** These basic simple truths are thousands of years old but still work today just like they did initially.

You are invited to a new life in Christ. The choice is yours. God bless you. ††

**A man who strays from the path of understanding comes to rest in the company of the dead. (Prov 21:16)**



[This is a small sampling of the letters we receive every day.]

[The following email is from a KJV only-ite:] **Hey there you stinking reprobate, don't send me anymore of your phony Bologna! You dear sir are a reproach on the name of Christ. If you are a Christian then I am a Chinaman!** Anyone who denies the fact that God can not preserve his word is evidently smoking dope or drunk! Now I tried to be serious with you about this fact of salvation and the Blessed word of God, but I am finished because you will not listen or even think about it from what I can tell. I am not going to keep wasting my time nor yours with a bunch of foolishness. If I thought that you were serious about these things then I would reconsider but it is obvious that your conscience is dead to these things. If you were not saved by an INCORRUPTIBLE SEED (I Pt. 1:23), then you are not saved! No way, no how! **You need to find you an old fashioned Independent Baptist church and listen to man of God preach (if he uses a King James Bible)** and see if the Spirit of God want draw you. Then you can be saved by the grace of God. I gave you my testimony about my conversion and tried to magnify the Lord, but I don't know if it helped you any. I am certainly glad that the Lord has preserved his word and his sheep.

... just found your web site today. You say many of the things I've been saying for years and years. **I call eternal security the "Baptist Heresy,"** but today, most/many in our country preach it. So what church do you recommend out of all the bad choices out there? **My wife and I were saved before our 3 kids were born and we raised them in "fundamental" Baptist churches and a Baptist Christian School. Today, they're 32, 30, and 28. The oldest is a lesbian, next oldest has no problem with drinking and filthy movies, and the youngest is an alcoholic and fornicator BUT THEY ALL 3 CLAIM TO BE SAVED!!!!!!** I realized the truth of the "once saved always saved—easy believism" heresy when they were very young, and **taught against it in the home continually! But they listened to the pastors and Christian school teachers who push this heresy.** [Capital emphasis his]

Hello, Insolent fool. I am The High Priestess of The Hourglass, The High Lady of Hell, The Diabolus Domina, Dreams made flesh, in other words **I am Witch.** My friend the Queen of Dragons (Dracia) is with me also and always, and we have seen your site <http://www.evangelicaloutreach.org/angels.htm>. We would like to say that we are seriously ENRAGED over your ignorant foolishness towards Satan, The Craft, The Occult, and Pagans. Let me clarify things just a teeeny bit for you: **PAGANS ARE NOT SATANIC!!!!** They are the followers of the oldest religion ever known and a very kind, wise, helpful and MISUNDERSTOOD group of humans. I and Dracia, unfortunately, are NOT representatitaves [sic] of the Pagan community, and come from The Shadow Realms, the dark places that you and many others fear to tread. Do not take us as pagans and mistake all pagans as EVIL. **WE ARE NOT PAGANS, WE ARE OF THE SHADOW!** Why must WE be subject to more of your torment such as burning, hate, criticism [sic] and ingorant [sic] spite. We can no longer take this perversion of the arts of Pagans and the Occult, and someday those who twist our beliefs will pay their price. Everything

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has a price... Ampla Dominae Dracia would wish to inform you of some things ... [God's] plan was to give the angels no freedom of choice and to make them simple puppets to his tyranical [sic] will. I as representative of dragonkind and the myth-

ical circle know and embrace the fallen angels as refugees of a hurtful illusionary cult. The Dragons, The Dark Eyed Ones, The Shadow Wraiths and all those who know death's songs will remain long past you as we were here long before you to guide the fallen ones and those of the True Song to the heart of the shadows ... [Capital emphasis his]

... I just want you people to know that I thank God each day for you. You are an important life line for me. You are the depth of Scripture that I need in my life. Thank you for being there for me. **Your site has helped lead a lost sheep back to Jesus.** He works with me, I suggested that he look at some of the things you have there. Along with my witness and encouragement **he has returned to Jesus and repented from his lost way.**

Just wanted to say what a blessing [the] free tracts are. Our finances are very tight right now, and we were limited on how much we could do. We go out every Sunday and can distribute between 150-300 in 30 min. to an hour. What a blessing. Thank you so much! May God bless you and your ministry for your faithfulness.

Translated from Spanish: I would like to study the bible and to know Jesus Christ.

Regarding our TV tract: Excellent article. I'm going to use this in church. Pastor James

Several months ago, I questioned my religion which is Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or Mormon. That, I believe, was the beginning of my being saved. **Your site has helped me especially with scriptures that prove that**

**mormonism is false. The problem I now have is the mormons.** My family, my friends, people I work with, are all mormon. I live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Everyone is a mormon here as you well know. If I try to talk to them, they get so defensive and **now I am viewed as the lost one or worse the devil has my soul.**

**You are either a group of heretics, or misguided, mistaken deceived individuals that know nothing of what the Bible says about important salvation doctrines.** Since I know it's futile to argue with you and show you the truth, I'm not going to communicate with you after this point, but I just wanted you to know that a person who is correct in all his Bible based beliefs is calling you heretics and/or a mistaken, misguided group.

**I must admit if anyone is going to hell it would be you.** To teach this is off the wall how can God give us something and then take it back give me a break. Eternal remember those words I believe you are close to a cult and Christ will deal with you. I know I am saved by his grace you are not I guess that is what you think, may God have mercy on your soul, you are very mislead.

**The Catholic Church is the one true Church founded by Jesus. I**

have no need of your heresy, apostasy and man-made false religion. There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church so I call on you to repent of your errors and believe the true Gospel before it is too late. May God have mercy on you!

... I was also caught up in this snare of pornography "after" my salvation. When my conscience pricked me I read a booklet from RBC regarding whether salvation can be lost or not. The booklet says that even "**disobedient**" Christians are safe. (In that book I did not find any verses from the book of Revelation.) But still my conscience was not at rest. Then while I was reading from II Peter regarding a dog returning to its vomit I was fully convicted and once again repented. It was during such times of struggle that I came to know about EO.

I just finished, *Is This the Mary of the Bible?*—SUPERB and EYE-OPENING! I get asked, "What if what Catholics believe is not how you interpret them?" A former Catholic, like yourself, and the documentation you have included in your book can't be wrong! May God provide for you bountifully as you spread the Gospel worldwide, opposing OSAS as you do, and may He give me the privilege sometime in 2005 of sharing in your labor financially, more frequently, increasingly. [Capital emphasis his]

I'm a pastor of a small church in ... I attended seminary at ... Over the last 8 or 9 years I've been fighting those in the ecclesiastical establishment on the issues of homosexuality, eternal security, and many other false doctrines. Sadly, **our seminaries are turning out men, and women, who have bought their positions by paying for their degrees. I just wanted to drop you a note to say "keep up the good work."** Thanks again for your writings on these critical issues in the church today.

... When I first saw your site it scared me and I thought it would lead to legalism. I am seeing that it leads to freedom from the lies of satan and the world. May the Lord bless you in Jesus' Name as you contend for the faith.

[In response to posting our apologetic magazine on-line:] Thanks and very interesting. Don't forget to list Barbados as although we don't often go to the website we read all of your newsletters. It is a sad indictment of the spiritual condition of this country that we are the only ones. That explains why we have given up trying to find a "church" to worship at and worship in our homes. Blessings (Barbados)

I've been dialoging with you about John MacArthur and Ray Comfort. I want to know the truth and willing to take the chance and purchase your book to see if what you say is true. If it is and I believe (so far) you are right according to reading articles on your site and my somewhat limited knowledge of scripture—I'm going to be sick. **I'm fearful for "Christians" going to hell now instead of just plain ole unbelievers. I'm starting to feel depressed knowing that even my church is full of false teachers. What can we do?**

**Part of the reason I sinned like that was because I felt fairly secure with eternal security.**

I have read most of the big book I bought from you and I am very happy that you are fighting against the lies of godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality. That servant who knew his master's will and

did not do according to his will, will be beaten with many stripes! But he who did not know, but yet sinned will be beaten with few stripes! May the one who knows wake up! God bless you! (Sweden)

... I have been in possession of your book *The Believer's Conditional Security* for a couple of years and have found it very enlightening and helpful. I must say I appreciate your effort to produce this book and to stand up for the truth as revealed in Scripture alone. (New Zealand)

### Featured Email

I strongly believe I was born again a little over a year ago. Since then I have believed (although not 100%) in eternal security. I have also read a lot of the New Testament. I have noted the warnings (such as sinning willfully, and the sexual immorality mentioned in 1 Corinthians). I have done some of those sins AFTER reading about them. I knew it was wrong but I did them anyway. **Part of the reason I sinned like that was because I felt fairly secure with eternal security.** Another reason was that I felt I could be saved if I repent (for pre-planned sins). I may have sinned knowing there was a small chance of losing salvation over it. That was then. Now I wish I had obeyed God more. I stumbled upon your website and became DEEPLY concerned if I can't be forgiven. In another words, I am concerned about being unforgiven for all of the following: **sinning willfully after receiving the full knowledge**, the sin unto death, the sins of 1 Corinthians, **trampling underfoot the blood of Christ**, falling away, and blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. I am extremely worried that I may have done these and be kept from Heaven. I am having a very difficult time enjoying life with these fears. All I want is to be completely forgiven for my past. I believe in Jesus, however, **my question is if I can still be forgiven.** Any help would be greatly appreciated.

[EO's Response: Greetings in Jesus' name. Please know you share a common concern that others have likewise expressed. The good news is, you most definitely can be forgiven. Thank You, Jesus. The reason we know this is: (1) King David got forgiven from adultery and murder after he had a very close walk with Almighty God and even wrote part of the Bible. He intentionally and willfully plotted and schemed the murder of Uriah. He found forgiveness, so why should you think you can't? (2) The Apostle Peter walked with the Lord Jesus for a couple of years and afterwards disowned him three times and he found forgiveness. So why should you think you can't? (3) In Luke 15:19-31, the prodigal strayed from the Father into willful sin to be sexually immoral and other types of sins that would go with that lifestyle. Yet he found forgiveness after he repented with a willingness to serve the Father. So why should you think you can't? The Hebrews 6 and 10 passages in context are referring to Christians who were Hebrews in the early church that were reverting back to Judaism. To do so, they would have to willfully sin by stating that Jesus' blood was an unholy thing and hence insult the Spirit of Grace. They would also have to say Jesus performed his miracles by the power of the devil. That would be equivalent to eternal sin which cannot be forgiven. This is the way we must understand the Hebrews 6 and 10 passages. Please know the Bible teaches a backslider can come back to God. See Lk. 15:24,32; Jam. 5:19,20 and Rom. 11:19-23 ... Remember Heb. 3:12-14. God bless you.]

I have been a believer, really growing in faith, for about 4 years when I was convicted of my own wickedness in sin. I sought God in the Words of His Bible. You know, I read that Book 3 times and couldn't figure out why Jesus just didn't "get" what salvation really was all about! Poor Jesus, I thought, to not have known that all His "hoey" re: good works, holy living, and sin causing eternal damnation was all wrong. I certainly didn't understand the Epistles either, and pitied poor Paul, Peter, James, John, and Jude that they didn't understand grace! Imagine how stupid and blind I was! I believed all the false doctrine I had heard over the radio waves and in the pulpits over the Bible which I was actually reading! (City) has been **blessed to have a local concrete worker who buys radio time to preach the Truth of the Scriptures. He told us listeners that what Paul says in I Cor 6 & 10 and Gal 5 and what John says in I John and so on and so on were all true! Like you, he quotes Ez 3 & 18! Well, my eyes were opened. I had never heard such a thing.** This past summer, my first summer NOT being a working mom, I read the Gospels and Epistles 2 and 3 times! ... once saved does NOT equal always saved. Your website is wonderful in chrySTALLIZING [sic] my thoughts so I can preach the TRUE Good News to my friends who are "lost" in what I call "pretend Christianity," wallowing in the flesh, the world, and not believing that sin can condemn.

I was religiously deceived (regarding water baptism) and you told me the truth and your website has expanded my knowledge of both God and the bible. The time has finally come I will officially leave the International church of Christ either tomorrow or Thursday. I have already stopped going to church there and all of my friends are all worried about me because they think I am about to fall away from God because I am leaving the church ... a lot of people call the icc (international church of Christ) a cult and I guess it totally is ... they believe just like the Jehovah's witnesses, that their church is the true kingdom of God on earth and that everyone else is unsaved and if I leave according to them than I have left God but I know way better than to ever believe that but a lot of people won't leave because they are scared of that threat.

Hi, I wanted to write to you and share a brief story with you. I do a lot of Bible studies online as well as in the Book and recently came across several e-mails from people claiming that Jesus was not the true name of our Savior as it was not an accurate translation of the Name. This stuck with me for a couple of days and really caused me to question our understanding of the Scriptures. Earlier this morning, I prayed and asked God to show me what the truth was. After that I got online and did a search for the origins of the name of Jesus. Your web site came up and answered all of these claims most directly. Thank you for sharing the truth and helping me to get past the false claims of those who do not accept the name of Jesus. God bless you.

Just checking your website I've not found anyone, anywhere who so thoroughly challenges the "Eternal Security" position. I wish more "ministers" would stand against this heresy as you have ... and even in my church I'd say 30-40% of my congregation believes this trash and the Pastor refuses to take a stand against it. One Sunday morning our adult Sunday school teacher stood before the congregation and boldly stated he had been addicted to pornography

**and said while he was he was just as saved as anyone in the church.** Since then his family has been destroyed. His wife divorced him and he blames it all on her. **He claims she committed adultery but she's still saved.** You are right on in your ministry.

Just wanted to drop you a line and say thank you for contending against the awful doctrine of unconditional eternal security. I'm a ... minister ... but I just wanted to applaud your efforts to unmask this horrific heresy. I live in the southeastern part of the U.S. and the once-saved, always-saved doctrine is rampant here! I have the privilege of ministering in different fellowships/denominations, and I encounter this issue almost EVERYWHERE I go. For some reason, people are under the assumption that o.s.a.s is "the gospel" and to reject it is denying the central theme of the gospel. I especially appreciated your exposure on Ray Comfort. I was ashamed, because I had recommended some of his literature, **only to find out his damnable doctrine.** Truly o.s.a.s is "hell's best kept secret." It would be humorous if it were not so deadly. God bless you for contending for the truth. [Capital emphasis his]

I searched the scriptures to learn if one could lose their salvation. I ignored the philosophical rather than scriptural arguments from others and was determined to learn the truth from the mouth of God myself. **I came to the exact same obvious conclusion that you did. I was interested in starting a ministry similar to yours before I came across your website. I have seen the damage the doctrine of eternal security has in the church and as a Christian high school teacher at a school where that doctrine has supremacy, it affects the discipline of the students.** Those that have an improper view of grace for salvation, also have an improper view of grace when it comes to conduct and discipline. Students argue with us, their authorities, about how "legalistic" we are if we discipline them. Parents condemn us for not issuing "grace" to their children when they break the rules. This doctrine is

the cause of apathy and weak Christianity in the Church. **My wife is from Romania and grew up Romanian Baptist. She never heard of the doctrine of eternal security until she came to the United States. She agrees that the cause of weak Christianity in the US is related to, or perhaps caused by this demonic doctrine. She was ridiculed and accused of having a "cult-like" form of Christianity when she voiced her beliefs of "conditional security."** I also have experienced problems with my beliefs against eternal security. I was kicked out of a leadership position by the supposed interdenominational organization ... after they found out about my stance on the issue ... Thank you.

I believe that in America food (and etc...) has become an idol. Why else would 2/3 of Americans rely on food for comfort to the point of sickness and death. Being overweight is the NUMBER ONE cause of adult diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, congestive heart failure, and knee arthritis to the point of requiring joint replacement ... Even at a normal weight, I used to struggle with using food, specifically dessert, to comfort me. I see untold others who use tobacco, alcohol, TV, sports, shopping, and so on as their source of comfort and the thing that they "worship." [Capital emphasis his]



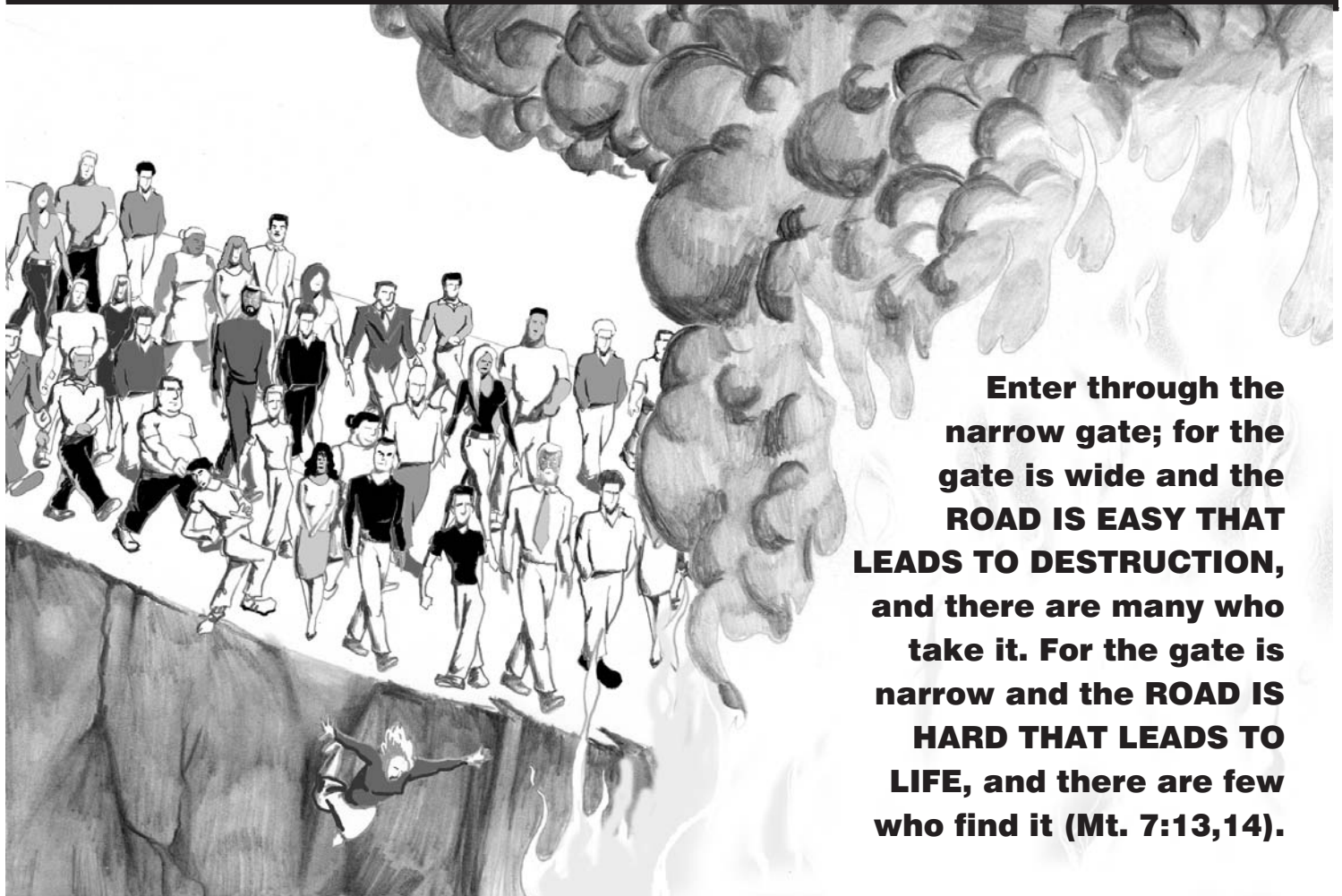
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## Are YOU On The Road To Hell?



**Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the ROAD IS EASY THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the ROAD IS HARD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, and there are few who find it (Mt. 7:13,14).**

For of this **you can be sure**: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—**has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. (Eph 5:5,6)

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.** (Gal 5:19-21)

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. (Rev 21:8)

Do you not know that **the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived**: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor 6:9,10)