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THE FOUNDATION OF THIS BOOK

The foundation for this book rests upon three questions.

QUESTION NUMBER ONE

Did Jesus Christ the Lord, Paul, Peter, and all the authors of the Bible, who were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, lie or tell half the truth?

QUESTION NUMBER TWO

What is the most damnable sin we can commit against God?

QUESTION NUMBER THREE

What are the consequences of that great sin?

The answer to these questions are found in the Bible, the Word of God, which is the truth, and is, "Thus saith the Lord." John 17:17

Which is opposed to the four little words uttered by Satan, which are, "Yea hath God said." Gen. 3:1

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INTRODUCTION

Habakkuk 1:1-4. "The burden which Habakkuk, the prophet, did see.

O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! Even cry out to thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? For spoiling and violence are before me; and there are those who raise up strife and contention.

Therefore, the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth; for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore, wrong judgment proceedeth."

The prophet Habakkuk saw the same thing we see today. The wicked seem to prosper and rule over the righteous. Judgment was perverted. There was violence, contentions, people raised up strife intentionally. He saw iniquity and grievance.

There are many diseases that plague our society. Some may be cured with medication, while for others there is NO REMEDY.

However, the real disease that plagues society today is not physical, mental, or emotional, it is spiritual.

We see evil all around us, and it prospers and rules.

Our preachers stand in the pulpits and preach against homosexuality and abortion. They warn us against evil politicians.

We are warned from the pulpits about the consequences of divorce, drugs, adultery, strange sex, and the many other evils that seem so rampant.

However all these things are just the pains felt from the real disease.

The real disease, from which there is no remedy, comes from the pulpit.

The so-called New Testament church is responsible for the disease that plagues society today, and the evil that surrounds us is the pain felt from the disease itself, and there is no remedy.

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TRANSLATION OF THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT WORDS

This is a translation of some of the important Greek words that appear in the King James Bible. The original New Testament was written in Greek. Some of these words have lost their meaning over the years due to man inserting his own opinion into the translation.

The following is from a Greek/English dictionary compiled by Prof. Karl Feyerabend, Ph.D. Published by David McKay Company in 1948, original copyright 1918.

This translation is a translation of the original Greek used in the New Testament.

We have changed the Greek alphabet into the English alphabet for clarity.

Example..... πιστευο = pisteuo in the English alphabet.

Believe, believeth, believest, believed, believing

pisteuo = to believe, trust in, put faith in, confide in, to entrust, to give one credit for.

The words believe, believeth, and etc., are almost always translated from this Greek word. It is important to note part of the meaning of this word is

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‘to give one credit for.’

Exceptions are

pistos = faithful, trusty, sure, credible, relying on.
Used in John 20:27; Acts 16:1; 2 Corinthians 6:15
;1 Timothy 4:3,10,12; 5:16 6:2

pistis = credence, trust.

Used in Hebrews 10:39

apisteo = unbelieving, to disbelieve, disbelieving.

Used in John 3:36; Acts 17:5; Romans 11:30,31
15:31; Hebrews 3:18

apeitheo = disbelieve, obey not.

Used in Mark 16:11,16; Luke 24:11,41; Romans
3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13

apistos = disbelieving, faithless, untrustworthy.

Used in 1 Corinthians 7:12,13; 10:27; 14:22a, 22b,
24; 2 Corinthians 4:4

peitho = convince, pacify, agree, assure.

Used in Acts 17:4; 27:11; 28:24

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plerophoreo = to carry out fully, completely assured.

Used in Luke 1:1

Faith

pistis = trust, credence, faith, belief, faithfulness, honesty, hostage, argument, proof.

You will notice the Greek word for faith is translated 'believe' in Hebrews 10:39

Used in all cases except.....

oligopistos = little faith, lack confidence, lack faith,
Used in Mark 6:30 8:26 14:31 16:8 Luke 12:28

Repent, Repented, Repentance, Repenteth

Metanoeo

Metanoia = (both words) change the mind

The words repent, repenteth, and etc., are almost always translated from one of these two Greek words. They both mean to change the mind. They have different endings because one is a verb and the other is a noun. Nouns and verbs have different endings in the Greek even though they mean the same thing.

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Neither of these words mean ‘to turn from sin.’

Used in all cases except.....

metamelomai = to care afterwards, have regret

Used in Matthew 21:29,32; 27:3; 2 Corinthians 7:8;
Hebrews 7:21

ametameletos = irrevocable, not to be regretted of,
not regrettable

Used in Romans 11:29; 2 Corinthians 7:10

In none of the original Greek does the word
translated as repent in the English language mean to
turn from sin.

In our self righteousness that is what we want it to
mean.

If turning from sin was part of the salvation
process, it would be a works salvation.

Nevertheless, like everything else, there is a
beginning. False religion, false doctrine, had a
beginning.

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Genesis 3:1. "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

PART ONE

The Disease Begins



CHAPTER ONE

What Is The Truth?

The Three Stages of Truth

A philosopher once said there are three stages of truth. The first stage is the truth is criticized, then, it is opposed, and the third stage it is regarded as self evident. (accepted)

Genesis 3:1. "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

When the devil confronted Eve in the garden he questioned God's word. We are living in the time period in history when God's word is criticized and opposed.

It is true there are many who accept the truth as self evident, however, on the whole it is questioned.

Basically the truth is criticized, (questioned) and opposed. (rejected)

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The result of that incident in the garden is that sin has been transferred to all humanity.

The serpent, the old devil, who is Satan, knew the truth. He knew what God told Adam.

Genesis 2:17. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Follow the progression of events. Satan questioned God's Word when he said, "Yea, hath God said?" And the first stage enters; the truth is criticized.

Eve defends God's Word, but then she adds to God's Word when she states, "neither shall ye touch it." (*Gen. 3:3*) Suddenly the word is added to and it is opposed. The second stage.

Then Adam, who knew the truth, in order to be as one with his wife, ate the fruit and sin entered into the world. Adam disobeyed the command of God.

From that one event back in the garden, sin has been passed on to all mankind. (*Romans 3:10,23; 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:22*)

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The truth is, Satan called God a liar and questioned God's Word. Then Eve became religious and added to the Word. Then Adam disobeyed God and the disease that plagues society began.

Sin entered into the world, but the real sin, the beginning of sin, was the sin of questioning, criticizing, contradicting, and adding to God's Word.

The disease that plagues society begins with, "Yea, hath God said?"

Because of that sin, God, Jesus Christ the Lord, who loved His creation, was condemned to die on a Cross to pay for the sins of humanity.

Genesis 3:15. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Satan bruised the heel of Christ when he had Him nailed to the Cross. The seed of the woman is Jesus Christ.

The seed of Satan are all those who reject the truth.

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John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God has provided a way for all humanity to have forgiveness of sin, and that is the truth.

He gave Himself to die on the Cross.

God has done His part. Then He recorded it in the Bible for all to see. History records the event.

Man's part is to believe what God has recorded. It is called the gospel, or the good news message.

There are three Greek words translated as gospel in the New Testament. They are

evangelion = a good message; declare good tidings
evangelizo = to announce good news

proevangelizomai = to announce good news in advance. (to be discussed in chapter four)

The good news is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sin to all who believe in Him. (*John 3:15,16; 5:24; 6:47; Acts 10:43; 13:39; 16:31*)

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In order to have forgiveness of sin and eternal life, all one must do is believe the good news message and that is the truth.

Satan does not want anyone to believe that message. Therefore, he has laid the foundation for the truth to be criticized and opposed. And it all is founded on four little words.

“Yea, hath God said?”

CHAPTER TWO

What Is The Truth? Continued.

Which denomination, or religious organization, has the truth? The Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, Pentecostal, Mormon, etc., etc., etc.

Answer: None of the above. The Word of God, the Bible has the only truth.

John 17:17. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."

Psalm 117:2. "For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

The truth is

Jesus Christ is, and always has been God. (*John 8:58 10:30 Revelation 1:8,11,17*)

The truth is.....

Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. (*John 1:14,18 1 Timothy 3:16 Hebrews 1:2,3,5 2:9,14*)

The truth is

CHAPTER TWO.....What is the Truth? Continued.

Jesus Christ came to this earth and took on flesh and blood in order to become the Sacrificial Lamb.

1 Timothy 1:15. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

1 Timothy 2:4-6. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus,

Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Notice the many truths found in these verses.

1. The reason He came into this world is to save sinners.
2. He would like to see all mankind saved.
3. He is the only way to God.
4. He gave himself for all mankind.
5. The only way to be saved is to come to the knowledge of the truth.
6. It will be testified in due time. (the truth will be self evident)

CHAPTER TWO.....What is the Truth? Continued.

The truth is God told Adam not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve was confronted by Satan and the Word of God came into question.

Eve was deceived and ate the fruit. She gave to Adam and he ate the fruit.

Adam disobeyed the Word of God and sin fell upon all humanity.

However, the real disease is the consequence that followed. Sin alone is one thing, but the result of the real sin, which is basically calling God a liar, is the evil that follows.

As we proceed you will see the real disease manifest, and the consequences of which there is no remedy.

If we believe Christ paid for our sin with His death, burial, and resurrection, our sins are paid for eternity. By simple faith.

However, what if that simple message is distorted by Satan?

CHAPTER THREE

The Theme Of The Bible

The theme of the entire Bible is faith. The word faith in the New Testament is the Greek word *pistis*, and it means trust, faith, belief, credit, trust, and more.

It should be easy to see why the word is translated faith.

The word faith weaves the Bible together like a fine garment.

The word *pistis* is rightly translated as faith 32 times in the book of Hebrews, and 24 times in chapter eleven alone.

It is translated as 'believe' in Hebrews 10:39 and 'belief' in 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

Believe and faith, have basically the same meaning in the Greek New Testament. They both mean to trust, entrust, have faith in, and so on.

As we proceed I believe you will see the importance of faith.

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Faith is the most important part of our relationship with God in Christ.

Hebrews 11:5,6. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is what pleases God.

Salvation is by faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We are forgiven of sins when we believe, have faith, in the fact that Christ paid for our sins.

By faith we believe Jesus Christ created all things through His word. (*Hebrews 1:2*)

By faith we have hope in things we have not seen, such as our home in heaven. (*Hebrews 1:1*)

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The word faith is used only twice in the Old Testament. (*Deuteronomy 31:20; Habakkuk 2:4*)

Yet, the word faith is used 24 times in Hebrews chapter eleven concerning Old Testament saints.

Salvation and Service

We are saved by faith in the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

After we are saved we need faith to serve Christ. The Old Testament saints acted by faith after they were saved.

It is faith that pleases God!

Faith is the cure for the disease that plagues society today.

Religions, denominations, and man made rules do not please God.

Faith in God and His word is the cure for the disease.

CONCLUSION PART ONE

Adam and Eve may have committed any number of sins. However, the sin they committed that grieved God more than any other was to listen to Satan when he questioned God's Word.

When the Word of God is questioned it affects all humanity.

Satan knows this. He knows that man is a religious animal and is easily persuaded.

When he questions God's Word he knows man will attempt to defend the Word, then he will add to the Word just as Eve did when she said, "neither shall ye touch it."

As you will see, the real sin, the disease, is when God's people bring His word into question. For that there is no remedy.

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PART TWO

The Disease Spreads
The Failure of Israel



CHAPTER FOUR

Israel, God's Chosen Nation

In the following chapters we intend to show the progression of the spread of the disease which plagues society today, and why there is no remedy.

We will only quote Scripture that is necessary. However, we will give Scripture references in order to prove our point. We suggest the reader look up the references for themselves.

God chose the Nation of Israel for many reasons. Allow us to give just three most important reasons.

1. He chose Israel to represent Him among the ungodly, heathen, idolatrous, nations of the world.
2. He gave Israel the law, which reveals His righteousness, so they might reveal His law, and His righteousness.
3. Finally, and most important, that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, would be born in the genealogical line of Israel, beginning with Abraham.

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The Call of Abraham

After the flood, man began to populate the earth.

Out of that mass of humanity God chose one man to be the father of Israel and the father of many. His name was Abraham. (*Genesis 12:1-3 15:15:1-6 17:1-8*)

To Abraham God said, *“in thee shall all Families of the earth be blessed.*

The Gospel Preached to Abraham

The Seed Promised

Genesis 15:5,6. “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”

Galatians 3:6-9,16. “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

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Know ye therefore, that they who are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

So then, they who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made, He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”

The word gospel in verse 8 is the Greek word, *proevaggelizomai*, and it means to announce good news in advance.

God Himself preached the gospel to Abraham. The gospel is that God would provide a Savior, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the Christ would die, and rise again for the sins of man. All man must do is believe in, have faith in, the Savior, and receive forgiveness of sin.

Abraham believed the gospel and God counted it to him for righteousness. (*Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-5; Galatians 3:6*)

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Since there is none righteous, (*Romans 3:10*) our righteousness comes from Christ. (*Romans 3:22,26; 10:4*)

And so, Israel began with the call of Abraham, and the declaration of the gospel to Israel. Israel began with the message of the simple gospel.

Abraham soon had a son whom God said to name Isaac. (*Genesis 17:19*)

God told Abraham that He would establish His covenant with Isaac. (*Genesis 17:21*)

When Isaac was born, (*Genesis 21:1-8*) God confirmed his covenant once again when He said to Abraham, “*for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.*” (*Genesis 21:12*)

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve tribes of Israel. (*Genesis 35:16-26*)

The mighty nation of Israel was born. Through which, the Messiah, the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised seed would come.

CHAPTER FIVE

Israel And The Mixed Multitude

Isaac begot Jacob and Jacob was renamed Israel. Israel had twelve sons and the twelve tribes of Israel was born.

Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. (*Gen. 37:20-36*)

Joseph finally became one of the rulers in Egypt under Pharaoh. (*Gen. 41:37-46*)

Then, because of famine, Joseph's entire family joined him in Egypt. Soon thereafter, a new Pharaoh arose in Egypt and put the entire people of Israel into bondage.

Then God called Moses to deliver His people out of bondage, and the great Exodus out of Egypt is recorded in the Bible.

However, it must be noted that when a nation conquered another nation they usually made slaves out of those they conquered.

Egypt in their many wars with neighboring

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nations had a multitude of slaves of many nationalities and races who worshipped a multitude of gods, including the many gods of Egypt.

Therefore, when God brought Israel out of Egypt, the rest followed.

Exodus 12:38. “And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.”

It is always a danger for God’s people, who are supposed to follow their God, to mix with those who do not believe in their God.

Numbers 11:4. “And the mixed multitude that was among them fell to lusting, and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?”

When the mixed multitude began to lust and complain so did Israel.

The children of Israel, because of their association with the mixed multitude began to think like those they associated with. As soon as they left Egypt, they began to complain. (*Exodus 15:23-26; 16:1-3; 17:1-3; Numbers 11:1-5*)

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The mixed multitude influenced Israel to rebel.

We must remember it was not the written Word of God the mixed multitude influenced Israel to reject, it was the spoken Word. There was no written Word at this time.

It was the Word spoken to Abraham. It was the promise of the Savior, the nation of Israel through the line of Abraham, and the promised land.

It was faith in the fact that the Creator, the God of Israel, the One true God, would keep His Word and fulfill His promise.

It was faith in the fact that the One true God who had just delivered them out of bondage, divided the Red Sea, and conquered the enemy, would keep His Word.

However, when the truth, which is founded on, 'Thus saith the Lord,' is contradicted, it is always founded on the lie of Satan, which is, 'Yea hath God said?'

God promised Israel the land He was now leading them into. Once again Israel failed. They refused to believe God would deliver what He promised.

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In Exodus chapter twelve God gave the Passover to Israel. This was a perfect example, or type, of Christ the Passover Lamb. (*John 1:29 1 Peter 1:19,20*)

“and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.,”
Exodus 12:13

The significance of this was looking forward to their Savior, their coming Messiah, who would shed His blood for the sins of man. (*Hebrews chapters nine and ten with Revelation 1:5*)

The gospel was preached to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, all the patriarchs of Israel, and the entire nation of Israel. (*Hebrews 4:2*)

Hebrews 4:2. “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

When Israel came out of Egypt, they were placed in the wilderness.

From there they were supposed to enter the promised land. (*Deuteronomy 1:1-8*)

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God told them the land was theirs. All they had to do was simply go in and take the land from the inhabitants.

They did not believe God and sent spies into the land to see if God meant what He said. The twelve spies returned with a good report. (*Deut 1:22-25*)

However, they would not go into the land.

Deuteronomy 1:26, 32. “Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God;”

32. “Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God.”

The entire congregation rebelled against God and would not go into the land.

The only two who believed God were Caleb and Joshua. (*Numbers 14:1-10; Deut. 1:23-38*)

And so, Israel wandered in the wilderness.

After forty years the next generation entered the land promised to Israel.

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Israel, under the leadership of Joshua, entered Canaan and left Moses behind to die. (1400-1410 B.C.)

From that time until Saul, Israel was ruled by judges. A judge was a mediator between God and Israel.

The first judge was Joshua and the last judge was Samuel.

In reality, God was the government in Israel.

It was during the time of Samuel that Israel's problems really escalated.

NOTE: For a Biblical account of the history of Israel, see Deuteronomy, Chapter One through Thirty-four; Nehemiah, Chapter Nine, and Acts, Chapter Seven.

CHAPTER SIX

The King Requested: The King Rejected

Israel was ruled by God through judges, from Joshua until Samuel. In the latter days of Samuel Israel decided they did not want God to rule over them.

They used Samuel's evil sons, who were appointed judges by Samuel, as their excuse.

So they requested Samuel to make a king to judge them like all the other nations. (*1 Samuel 8:1-5*)

1 Samuel 8:6,7. "But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.

And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."

Then, from Verse 8 through 18, God tells Samuel to hearken unto the voice of the people. Then God

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tells Samuel to explain what kind of a king they will receive.

The king they requested is still future!!

It is important to note that because Israel was a rebellious people God gave them the law after they refused to enter Canaan by faith.

It is called *the law of Moses, the law of God, or, the Mosaic law.*

Our conscience might tell us to do good and right, but it seems we need something to tell us what right is.

Israel not only rejected God to reign over them, in reality, they rejected the law of God given to Moses.

1 Samuel 8:18. “And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.”

This king is the king who will rule during the seven year tribulation. He is called the Antichrist and the man of sin. He is the king ‘*ye shall have chosen.*’

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He is the “*prince that shall come.*” (*Daniel 9:26,27*)

Saul, David, and Solomon reigned until about 930 B.C. When Solomon died, around 930/931 B. C., the kingdom became divided.

The northern kingdom, which contained ten tribes, was still known as Israel. The southern kingdom, was called Judah, and contained the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

This division was no doubt a result of the idol worship Solomon fell into. (*1 Kings 11:1-13*)

Solomon had wisdom from the Lord, (*1 Kings 10:14-24*) but he was not very smart.

Many kings ruled in Israel and Judah from that time until the captivity, (read 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles) but none was their real King.

The King Rejected

John 1:11. “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

They did not receive their real King, Jesus Christ.

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When the real King, Jesus Christ the Lord, came on the scene, they rejected Him.

Christ was put on trial, and He still is, and was taken before Pilate for judgment.

When Pilate offered to release Jesus, the Jews refused.

John 19:15. "But they cried out, Away with him, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar."

Once again Israel rejected their King and requested a worldly king.

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Kingdom Rejected

Mark 1:14,15. "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe the gospel."

Jesus Christ, the Savior and King of Israel, was offering Israel their long awaited kingdom. However, He told them to repent and believe the gospel first.

The word repent means to change the mind. What were they supposed to change their mind about?

Romans 10:1-4. "BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

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*For Christ is the end of the law for
righteousness to everyone that believeth.*

Nothing has changed since Adam and Eve. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The only way for forgiveness of sin is faith, believe in, the finished work of Christ at Calvary.

The Two Evils

*Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have
committed two evils: they have forsaken
me, the fountain of living waters, and
hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns, that
can hold no water.*

(also Jeremiah 17:13)

Israel forsake the fountain of living waters, Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the fountain of living waters.
(John 4:1-26 Revelation 7:17 Isaiah 12:1-3)

They hewed out broken cisterns which is a works righteousness. God said a broken cistern holds no water.

Israel, like most people today, needed to change their mind about everything.

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They needed to change their mind about who Jesus was. He was not just a man claiming to be equal with God, He was God in the flesh.

He was about to die for their sins. They were supposed to trust Him as their Savior.

They were supposed to change their mind about establishing their own righteousness, and accept the righteousness of God through faith in Christ.

Had they done this, and accepted Him as their long awaited Messiah, He would set up their long awaited kingdom.

NOTE: He would still have to die for their sins in one way or another. It was prophesied.

In the book entitled *To Be A Jew*, Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin states.....

“The Messiah in Jewish thought was never conceived of as a Divine Being. As God’s anointed representative, the Messiah would be a person who would bring about a political and a spiritual redemption of the people Israel by the ingathering of the Jews.....he would bring about an era marked by the moral perfection of all mankind”

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Poor Israel!! How can an ordinary, sinful man, bring about an era of moral perfection? Do they not know only God can do that.

Why not read your own Bible, Israel? The Old Testament.

Jeremiah said

Jeremiah 17:5a. "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man who trusteth in man....."

Jeremiah 17:7a. "Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord....."

Jeremiah also says the One who reigns in Israel will be a *righteous branch*, and, *he shall be called, the Lord Our Righteousness. (Jeremiah 23:5,6)*

Someday Israel will accept a man as their king. He will be just a man. He will be the Antichrist. He will be the king they requested.

Repent (change your mind) and believe the gospel. The gospel is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. All Israel had to do was believe in Him and accept His righteousness.

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Instead they committed two evils. The same two evils they were warned about in Jeremiah. The same two evils all of Israel's prophets warned them about.

It is the evil of forsaking the fountain of living waters, Jesus Christ the Lord, and hewing out broken cisterns of a works righteousness, which holds no water. (*Jeremiah 2:13; 3:6-9; 17:13 with Romans 10:1-5*)

Jesus Christ the Lord is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. However, we must accept Him as our Savior before He becomes our King.

Christ died on the Cross and rose again for the sins of the world.

If you have never trusted Him as your Savior, would you do it now. Change your mind about everything that is contrary to that simple truth.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Sin And Evil

This chapter is dedicated to the words sin and evil. You might ask the question, “is there a difference between sin and evil?”

The answer, surprisingly, is yes.

We might best answer this question with an example by giving an illustration with a term commonly used today.

‘Evil is sin on steroids.’

We are going to look at the two words *sin* and *evil* most commonly used in the Old and New Testaments.

The Hebrew word most often translated as sin in the Old Testament is *chatta-ah*, pronounced *khat-taw-aw*, and it means offense. It comes from the root word, *chata*, pronounced *khaw-taw*. It means to miss; bear the blame; forfeit; loss; and etc.

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The Greek word most often translated sin in the New Testament is *hamartano*, pronounced *ham-ar-tan-o*. It means to miss the mark; fall short; etc.

Therefore, the two words mean the same thing, which is to miss the mark; and fall short.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,

Generally, sin effects our relationship with God. It does not always effect others, and does not always effect those around us.

I may keep my sins private and others may not even know what they are. Sometimes I may sin and not even know I have sinned.

However, I do need to know that I am a sinner, and separated from God by sin.

Therefore, the gospel of Christ. I must change my mind about the fact that I am a sinner and trust the payment of Christ at Calvary for my sins.

The Hebrew word most often translated as evil in the Old Testament is *ra*, pronounced *rah*, and comes from the primary root word, *ra'a*, and is pronounced *raw-ah*. It means adversity; afflict;

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calamity; sorrow; trouble; associate; do harm; vex; and etc.

The Greek word most often translated as evil in the New Testament is *poneros*, it is pronounced the way it sounds, and it means hurtful, and evil by influence.

It comes from the root word *ponos*, which means, toil; anguish; pain; etc.

NOTE: *poneros* is where we get the English word ‘porn’, which is short for pornography, which is evil.

So, you see, ‘evil is sin on steroids.’

Evil is harmful, trouble, adversity, do harm, anguish, pain, and evil by influence. Evil effects everybody. Evil effects society. Evil does harm and influences others around us.

The effects of evil hurt, destroy, bring anguish and pain.

Matthew 16:4a. “A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign.....”

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The word wicked in this verse is the Greek word *poneros*, and it means evil by influence.

God gave the law to Israel through Moses. It was never designed to save anyone from their sins.

Galatians 2:16. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

The entire book of Galatians and Romans chapter three through seven were written to show that it is not only faith in Christ that saves, but the faith of Christ, not the works of the law.

The law given to Israel was given to reveal the righteousness of God. The law reveals the perfect mind of God, and shows that no one can attain that perfection.

If Israel obeyed the law they would live a long life in the land. (*Deuteronomy 5:31-33*)

And reveal God's righteousness. (*Deuteronomy 6:25; 8:18-20*)

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The Jewish feast days and ceremonies pointed to the coming Messiah. The feast of Passover, unleavened bread, first fruits, and so on. (*Leviticus 23:1-44*)

Yet, Israel was determined to have faith in their own obedience to the law. Their own good works.

The law of God is perfect. (*Psalms 19:7*) Israel was expected to obey the law and be perfect before the Lord. (*Deuteronomy 18:13*) However, it would not save them from their sins, it only revealed that they are yet sinners.

God hates sin, but He really hates evil. The two evils God hates more than all else is forsaking the fountain of living waters, the Lord Jesus Christ, and hewing out a broken cistern of a works righteousness, which holds no water.

It is taking the words, “Thus saith the Lord,” and turning them into the words of Satan, which are, “yea hath God said?”

It is sin in high gear.

CHAPTER NINE

The Evil Disease Of Egypt

Let's think logically. Where does false religion, or doctrine, (teaching) come from? It certainly doesn't come from God. The Bible, the Word of God, is truth. If it is not according to God's Word, which is truth, it must be a lie, and God does not lie.

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, we have the account of Christ being tested by Satan, the old devil. The devil told the Lord that he was given power over all nations of the earth. (*Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13*)

In Revelation chapter twelve verse four we are told that when Satan was cast out of heaven he took one third of the angels with him.

Those angels sinned and now are called 'devils,' or 'demons.'

These demons have the ability to influence and even indwell human beings.

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The person who is under the control of these fallen angels may be handsome, cute, sweet, kind, and live next door.

Or, he may be a priest, a pastor, or a politician.

Still thinking logically, lets examine a few simple facts. God brought Israel out of Egypt and provided them with their own land. In their own land they were supposed to serve God and obey His commandments. Be examples. (*Deuteronomy 6:17-25*)

Egypt was not God's chosen nation. They worshipped a multitude of gods. They worshipped the sun, moon, earth, snakes, frogs, flies, and many other things.

Therefore. If Satan is the god of this world, then who influenced Egypt to worship everything but the one true God? Satan, the old devil did.

According to the words of Jesus Christ, Satan "is a liar, and the father of it." (*John 8:44*)

Deuteronomy 7:12. "Wherefore, it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the

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covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers.”

Deuteronomy 7:15. “And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all those who hate thee.”

God is not obligated to protect, defend, or bless, any group, individual, or nation, who does not serve, or accept, or acknowledge Him as the one true God.

Isaiah 45:7. “I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I, the Lord, do all these things.”

The word evil in this verse is the word *ra*, and as we have already seen it means calamity, adversity.

NOTE: As C.I. Scofield has in his notes and Dr. Max D. Younce have accurately pointed out it means *‘the sure fruit of sin.’*

In other words, you asked for it, you got it. Evil breeds evil. The evil diseases of Egypt is the sure fruit of false religion; false gods.

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In Deuteronomy chapter twenty eight through thirty one Moses gave the final warning to Israel before they entered the land of Canaan.

Divinely inspired by God he warned them of the blessings of serving God by faith and obedience, and the curse if they did not.

Without quoting every verse we will give brief quotations and Scripture locations. We urge the reader to go to the Bible and read the entire content.

In 28:1-14 God said if they hearkened to His voice and commandments they would... *enjoy their fruit, children, cattle, crops... Their enemies would perish. They would have treasures in the storehouses. Rain in it's season and the work of their hands would be blessed.*

Then in 28:15 through 29:29 we have the curse. Everything they attempted would be cursed.*They would be plagued with pestilence, consumption, inflammation, botch (boils), emerods (tumors), scab, itch, madness, blindness, etc.*

And that is just the beginning.

Satan is the god of this world. The fallen angels who followed him are part of his army. There must

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be a multitude of these unseen, fallen beings.

These fallen angels have the ability to influence and even indwell human beings.

Therefore, if Satan is their leader, and is the father of all lies, where would a demon possessed person get their religion? “Yea hath God said!!!”

Deuteronomy 28:27. “The Lord will smite thee with the botch (boil) of Egypt, and with emerods, (tumors) and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.”

Deuteronomy 28:35. “The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch, (boil) that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.”

The only cure for false religion is the truth. If it is not according to, “Thus saith the Lord,” it must be, “yea hath God said.”

Up to this point we have gone to a lot of trouble pointing out the difference between the truth and a lie when it comes to the Word of God.

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God expects His people to stand on the truth, and be examples to the world. He expects His people to be a witness for Him.

Anyone can be one of God's people. Whether it be Jew or Gentile. The Egyptians could have been one of God's people and enjoy all the blessings of serving Him.

It is a simple matter of trusting in Jesus Christ, and His death, burial, and resurrection, as payment for our sin

Nothing has changed since Adam and Eve. It is by simple faith.

There is no cure for false religion. It does not save and people go to hell for eternity under false religion.

CHAPTER TEN

Babylon And Beyond

Israel was, and still are, God's chosen nation. They are His *peculiar treasure*, (*Psalm 135:4*) the *vineyard of the Lord*, (*Isaiah 5:7*) the *apple of his eye*, (*Deuteronomy 32:10*) the *rod of his inheritance*, (*Jeremiah 10:16*) his *green olive tree*, (*Jeremiah 11:16*) and so much more.

Yet, they failed. God sent His prophets to warn them. Jeremiah was sent to warn Israel of the coming invasion by Babylon. They refused to listen and put Jeremiah in stocks, imprisoned, plotted against him to kill him and severely mistreated him.

Listen to the warnings from Jeremiah.....

Jeremiah 6:19. "Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people....."

Jeremiah 7:8. "Behold, ye trust in lying words that cannot profit."

Jeremiah 18:15. "Because my people have forgotten me..."

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Jeremiah 18:17. “I will scatter them as with an east wind..”

Jeremiah 2:13. “For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters,”

In Deuteronomy 28:15 through 29:29 we have the prophetic warning to Israel if they failed. Or, the result of not obeying God’s Word.

Captivity

False religion is captivity. It is always founded on man’s works. It is bondage because no matter how much a person works, it never works.

It is based on self righteousness. Israel, in trying to establish their own righteousness, ignored the righteousness of God in Christ.

Paul said they had, “a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.” (*Romans 10:2*)

If we, like Israel, continue in our self righteousness, which produces a works righteousness, and is false religion, and bondage, we will eventually be in literal bondage; captivity.

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God took Israel out of bondage in Egypt into Canaan. (1400 B.C.) Then just 800 years later He led them captive into Babylon. (600 B.C.) Why??

Why did God lead His chosen nation into captivity? We have already given the answer, however, we need to quote some verses at length.

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. "Moreover, all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy."

NO REMEDY!!! The priests and the people transgressed. The prophets were sent. They refused

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to listen. They misused the prophets.

Even worse, they despised his words. They despised the truth.

2 Chronicles 36:5-7. “Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did evil in the sight of the Lord, his God.

Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar also carried part of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.”

All of this was in fulfillment of the prophecy of God. (*Deuteronomy 28:45-49; Jeremiah 25:1-11 with 2 Chronicles 36:20,21*)

The Jews were invaded by the Assyrians, and Babylon, and many nations, but it was primarily Babylon who took the spoil. (*2 Kings 17:1-41*)

2 Kings 17:20. “And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and

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*delivered them into the hands of the
spoilers.....”*

The Lord rejected the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hands of the spoilers.

It is a dangerous thing for God’s people to deny His word. Notice the rest of that verse.....

...”until he had cast them out of his sight.”

2 Kings 17:23. “Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants, the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.”

The prophets warned Israel about false religion. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, and others.

God said He hated their sacrifices, feasts, vain oblations, new moons, and etc. God said it was evil, and cease to do evil. (*Isaiah 1:10-17 65:1-7*)

Jeremiah 2:17a. “Hast thou not procured this unto thyself.....”

Yes, they did!

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Poor Israel!! Thou hast procured this unto thyself.
You should have listened to the prophets sent by
God.

Between 606 and 587 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar
subdued and conquered Israel. Many Jews
remained in Jerusalem under the occupation of the
Chaldeans, which was Babylon.

Most however, were carried off into the land of
the Chaldeans where they were in bondage to king
Nebuchadnezzar.

As a nation, they lost their sovereignty.

They remained in bondage for seventy years.
This was according to the prophecy of Jeremiah.
(*ref. Jeremiah 25:9-11 29:10 with 2 Chronicles
36:20,21 and Daniel 9:2*)

After seventy years were accomplished they
would return to Jerusalem under Darius the Mede
and Cyrus the Persian, who conquered the
Chaldeans and now ruled Babylon. (*ref. Ezra 1:1-
11; Nehemiah 1:1-2:8*)

However, it is not over yet.

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In Daniel chapter nine we have the account of Daniel as he read the prophecy of Jeremiah. Daniel realized seventy years were almost complete and he prayed to his God, the God of Israel.

The following are just brief excerpts of his prayer to God.

Daniel understood the seventy year prophecy of Jeremiah. (*Daniel 9:2*)

“O Lord, righteousness belongeth to thee, but unto us confusion”.... vs. 7

“Yea, all Israel has transgressed thy law....” vs. 11

“And he hath confirmed his words, ...by bringing upon us a great evil...” vs. 12

“that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.” vs. 13

“Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us;” vs. 14

The evil disease of Egypt, which is false religion and idol worship, spread throughout Israel, until there was no remedy.

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Acts 7:43. “Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Molech, and the star of your god, Rephan, figures which ye made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.”

In Acts chapter seven the evangelist Stephen gave a historical account of Israel and their failure. In verse 43 he reminded them that God said He would carry them beyond Babylon.

After seventy years in captivity Israel returned to their land. However, they never really regained their sovereignty as a nation under God.

They were ruled by the Persians and Medes. Then by Alexander the Great who ruled the then known world, and then by the Romans.

It was under the Romans that they rejected their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

They stoned Stephen to death because of his courage to remind them of the truth.

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NOTE: They also abused their prophets who had the audacity to proclaim the truth.

The Lord warned Israel concerning their religious folly.

The evil disease of Egypt, which is worshipping idols, religious observances, false doctrine, and basically calling God a liar, continued to spread in Israel.

They had something called the Talmud, which is their oral law. It was not the Old Testament written law of Moses, it is the oral tradition which Christ warned them against. (*Matthew 15:3,6*)

Once again, in Deuteronomy chapter 28 we have the warning. Deuteronomy 28:49 states, “*The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far.....*”

He did. He brought Babylon. Then, notice the following.....

Deuteronomy 28:53. “And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and thy daughters whom the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straightness, (distress) wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee.”

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In 70 A.D. when the Roman general Titus besieged Jerusalem, history records that the Jews literally ate their own children.

Jesus said the temple would be destroyed, and it was, during the siege.

It was also at this time that Deuteronomy 28:63-68 would be completely fulfilled. (we suggest the reader read the entire chapter of Deuteronomy)

Deuteronomy 28:64. “And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stones.”

Israel is beyond Babylon. Scattered throughout the entire world.

Deuteronomy 28:68. “And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the whereof I spoke unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.”

CHAPTER ELEVEN..Babylon & Beyond Continued

In 1942 the refugee ship *Struma*, fleeing the persecution of Nazi Germany, was refused admission into British ruled Palestine. It was refused by other countries as well.

The Turkish authorities had the broken down, unseaworthy, vessel towed out of the port of Istanbul into the open sea where she eventually sank.

Out of the 750 Jewish refugees aboard, 428 men, 269 women, and 70 children drowned. Only two survived.

“No man shall buy you.”

The Nazis offered to release 100,000 Jews to Britain. Their reply was, “What are we going to do with 100,000 Jews?”

The reply from the United States of America was exactly the same.

Remember? “No man shall buy you!”

Hitler slaughtered millions of Jews during the holocaust.

Russia has also murdered thousands of Jews, and that is not widely reported.

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Today Israel has their own nation. It is probably less than one tenth the size it should be. Israel is not back in their own land yet.

They are surrounded by those who would like to destroy them. It seems like the whole world is against Israel.

The prophecy of Deuteronomy has been fulfilled against God's people Israel.

If you would like to know how most Jews feel today read Deuteronomy 28:63-68.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Conclusion Part Two

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God so loved the world! From Adam and Eve to the present day and beyond, God loves His creation.

He loves everyone who has ever been born so much that He came down from heaven, took on flesh and blood, and died on a Cross.

John 3:16 has been preached since Adam and Eve. Abel believed it and Cain did not. (*ref. Matthew 23:31; Luke 11:51; Hebrews 11:4; 12:24; 1 John 3:12*)

That message was preached to Abraham by God Himself. Abraham believed it and it was counted to him for righteousness.

That message was preached to Israel. Throughout their history many believed the gospel and many did not.

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Over the years their political and religious leaders caused them to err. (*Isaiah 3:12*)

Israel was given the responsibility of preaching the truth to the world.

The truth is, their Messiah would die and rise again for the forgiveness of sin. All they, or anyone, would have to do is believe in their coming Messiah.

However, the truth was criticized, then opposed. It only became self evident to a few.

Israel, as a nation rejected the truth. Their prophets were sent with the truth and they were mistreated.

They mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets. (*2 Chronicles 36:15,16*)

Finally, God led them captive into Babylon, and today they are beyond Babylon.

There is no remedy for a continued lie. It is an evil disease.

There were those in Israel who believed the truth.

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Even though they were taken into captivity, they were divinely protected by God. Even in Babylon. (*Jeremiah 39:9 through 40:9*)

Israel is still God's chosen nation. He has just cast them out of His sight temporarily. Someday He will re-gather His people, Israel, and place them in their Land.

When He does, all the world will serve God's people Israel. Jerusalem will once again be recognized as the center of the world, and Jesus Christ, the real King will rule from His throne in Jerusalem.

However, Israel must go through seven years of the worse time the world has ever known. It is called the wrath of God, the tribulation, and the time of Jacobs trouble.

The Old Testament predicts this event in to many places to mention.

The Old Testament often uses the term, "that day."

This book is not a study on prophecy. We suggest the reader do a study on their own. (*begin with Joel 2:18-3:3 and Ezekiel 36:--*)

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God's Word always has, and will, come to pass.

In 1 Samuel chapter 8 Israel rejected God and requested a man to rule them. This was prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:36.

Even today the Jewish leaders believe their Messiah will be just a man.

When the seven year tribulation begins they will accept a man as their Messiah. He will be the Antichrist mentioned in the New Testament.

He will be a fulfillment of 1 Samuel 8:1-18 and Daniel 9:24-27.

After seven years of the king requested, they will receive their King they denied, the Lord Jesus Christ.

All of this because of the evil disease of rejecting the truth and clinging to a lie until there is NO REMEDY.

NO REMEDY

The Disease That Plagues Society Today

PART THREE

The Disease Becomes An Epidemic

The Failure Of The Church



OLD TESTAMENT TYPES
Of
NEW TESTAMENT TRUTHS

The Greek New Testament word for church is *ekklesia*, and means, calling out; meeting; assembly. It comes from two root words. The first word is *ek*, which means, out; from; out of. The other word is, *kaleo*, and it means to call.

The church is a called out assembly. Israel, in the Old Testament, is a called out assembly, and is a type of the New Testament church.

Both are a called out assembly. Both are called out by the gospel. The gospel was preached to Israel just as it is preached today. When we hear and believe the gospel we become part of the called out assembly.

Paul warns the church not to follow the example of Israel. (*1 Corinthians 10:1-15; Hebrews, Chapters 2 and 3*)

1 Corinthians 10:6. "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."

OLD TESTAMENT TYPES OF NEW TESTAMENT TRUTHS

1 Corinthians 10:7. "Neither be ye idolaters....."

1 Corinthians 10:9. "Neither let us tempt Christ..."

The following is a list of some Old Testament types.

Egypt – a type of being lost in the world without Christ.

The Red Sea – a type of the gospel, which is mixing the Word of God with the blood of Christ.

The Wilderness – a type of the Christian testing ground. We may go on and serve Christ by faith or wander in the wilderness.

Mixed multitude – a type of separating yourself from those who might influence your faith. (2 *Corinthians 6:14-17*)

River Jordan – a type of the Christian getting into the Word of God as they serve Christ

Canaan – a type of the Christian enjoying the good things from the kingdom of God.

OLD TESTAMENT TYPES OF NEW TESTAMENT TRUTHS

The Christian is admonished to study the Word of God, (*2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16,17 of which the River Jordan is a type*) which increases our faith as we serve.

Then we will enter Canaan, the promised land of rewards for service in this life.

Babylon – a type of the Christian being in bondage to false doctrine, false religion. (*ref. Galatians 1:6-9 3:1-3*)

Beyond Babylon - NO REMEDY

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The Church Begins

*John 6:47. “Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me hath everlasting
life.”*

Roughly two thousand years ago God began a new time period in history. It is called the church age, and the age of, or the dispensation, of grace.

It began with the simple gospel message. Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. All one must do is believe that Jesus Christ paid for their sin with His finished work on the Cross.

The Mystery

In this present dispensation Jesus Christ is calling out His church with the simple gospel. The same gospel preached in the Old Testament, before He went to the Cross.

However, He is not calling out a nation, He is calling out His church. Israel has temporarily been set aside as the chosen nation.

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It is now the church that must represent God.

There are two important things to remember. The first is that the church age was a mystery to the Old Testament saints, and the followers of Jesus. The second is that there was no New Testament Bible at this time.

Therefore, when the church age began the apostles were confused about certain things. Because of that confusion, they made two mistakes.

In Acts, Chapters One and Two, we have the record of the beginning of the church age. However, as we have already stated, the church age was a mystery.

The word mystery is used a total of twenty seven times in the New Testament. It comes from a Greek word *musterion*, and it means, *a truth concealed until the time revealed, or, a previously concealed truth.*

The New Testament church age was a truth concealed in the Old Testament, but now revealed in the New Testament. (*Romans 16:24-26*)

The apostles were unaware of this new thing.

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In Acts 1:4,5 the Lord told His disciples to wait for the promise of the Father, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would indwell every believer and guarantee the believer would never perish. (*Luke 24:49; John 14:16,17;15:26,27; Acts 2:33; Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30*)

The apostles, like the rest of Israel, were waiting for their Messiah to establish their kingdom. They asked if He would now restore the kingdom to Israel. (*Acts 1:6*)

His reply was it was not for them to know when the kingdom would be restored, but wait for the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 1:7,8*)

However, because they were looking for the kingdom, they chose Matthias as the twelfth apostle. They heard from the Lord Himself that the twelve apostles would judge Israel. (*Matthew 19:28 with Revelation 21:14*)

Judas was no longer one of the twelve, so they chose one. They should have waited for the Lord. This was a mistake. The Lord had already chosen Paul, they did not know that yet.

Then, in chapter two, on the day of Pentecost, the Lord sent His Holy Spirit. There was a mighty

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wind, tongues of fire, and understanding of many languages.

Peter tried to explain this phenomena. It was the prophecy of Joel, he said. (*Joel 2:28-32*)

Peter was wrong. Once again they were looking for the kingdom. The prophecy of Joel will be fulfilled at the beginning of the kingdom.

We point this out to show that man is impulsively religious. Religion is not faith and truth. Religion tries to fulfill God's prophecy in man's way.

We are not trying to condemn Peter. He was not aware of the church age. It was a mystery. Peter later learned the truth. God is calling out His church. The church is made up of Jew and Gentile. (*Romans 3:29,30; Ephesians 3:1-6*)

There are only two ethnic groups as far as the Lord is concerned; Jew and Gentile.

Out of those two groups there is either the saved or the lost.

The message of the church began to spread. It is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.

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The twelve apostles and many others, including Stephen and Philip, began to evangelize the world with the truth.

Immediately, following on the heels of the truth, came the lie.

No! No! They would say, “Salvation is not that easy.” You must obey the law of Moses.

In Acts, Chapter Fifteen, they called a meeting to see if this was so. There was a great dissension between them. There were those who said salvation is free without any works, and there were those who said you had to do something.

Nothing ever changes. It is always “Thus saith the Lord,” or, “Yea hath God said?”

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The most noted evangelist of all time, second to Jesus Christ, would probably be Paul the apostle. In my opinion, the next would be Philip, the evangelist.

Paul made a stand on the simple gospel and would not waiver. He argued with Peter and some of the others concerning the simple gospel. (*Acts 15:1-29; Galatians 2:1-14*)

Every letter Paul wrote in the New Testament was for exhortation, doctrine, or in most cases, condemnation.

It was the church at Galatia that he condemned most emphatically.

In Galatians 1:6-9 Paul stated,

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.” Galatians 1:6

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And, *“Which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” Gal. 1:7*

Then in verses 8 and 9 Paul states that if any preach another gospel let him, *“be accursed.”*

Twice in Galatians chapter one Paul said if anyone preach another gospel let him be accursed.

The word accursed is the Greek word *anathema*, and it means *a curse be upon; woe directed toward; and etc.*

Galatians 1:6,7. “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel,

Which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.”

The church at Galatia, like every New Testament church, was founded on the simple gospel. Otherwise it would not be a New Testament church.

Immediately following the truth came the lie. Paul said they were removed unto another gospel, which is not another. What does that mean??

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It was the same gospel, mixed with mans works.
That made it another gospel.

Satan and his workers are very busy. Listen to these words in Galatians.

*“so soon removed.” “unto another gospel.”
“which is not another.” “some that trouble you.”
“and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” “if any
man preach any other gospel....let him be
accursed.”*

It is the same gospel, which is the truth of God’s Word, (thus saith the Lord) mixed with the lie of Satan, (yea hath God said) and it becomes another gospel.

Anyone who preaches another gospel should be accursed. A curse pronounced upon the preacher of a lie.

Bewitched

Galatians 3:1. “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been plainly set forth, crucified among you.”

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The word bewitched comes from the Greek word, *baskaino*, and it means *malign; fascinate by false impression; to bring evil upon a person by misleading praise or an evil eye; to charm.*

Galatians 3:2. "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith.

How were you saved? Was it by faith or by the works of the law?

They were saved by faith, then, Satan sent one of his messengers with the lie, and the gospel that founded the church at Galatia was perverted.

The early church became infiltrated by those who preached a lie.

As a young Christian I attended Baptist Bible Institute in Cleveland, Ohio. The preacher who taught Galatians read Chapter One and asked the students to name some cult churches these verses applied to.

Of course everyone began to name various churches the Baptists did not agree with. The teacher praised them for their insight.

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Personally, I realized this was not a cult church. It was a New Testament church founded on the simple gospel, but soon fell into a works righteousness.

If it were a cult church, it would not be mentioned in the Bible.

Have you been bewitched by a lie? The word bewitched means to bring evil upon a person by praise.

It did not take long for brave efforts of the early church founders to be undermined by the lie of Satan.

Beware!! If we preach a false gospel we are in danger of being accursed.

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Lies My Preacher Told Me

As a new Christian I was lucky to have a pastor, Dr. Max D. Younce, who taught the truth. I am eternally grateful to Christ who lead me to the truth.

From the very beginning of the founding of the church age four grave errors were present. They were as follows.

1. Legalism = we are saved by keeping the law.
2. Galatianism = saved by grace through faith, then kept saved by keeping the law.
3. Antinomianism = it makes no difference how we live after we are saved because salvation is all of grace.
4. Gnosticism = means knowledge, and states Christ is not equal to God. The church at Corinth was guilty of thinking they had superior knowledge.

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Paul refuted all four errors in his writings to the churches. Nevertheless, all four errors, and many more exist today.

The lies in our churches today stem from these four damnable doctrines.

The following is a list of some of the false doctrine taught in our churches today. If it is not in the Bible we call it false doctrine.

As we expose some of these doctrines, teachings, that are contrary to the Bible we are going to use names.

Arminianism

A doctrine formulated by the Dutch Calvinist Jacobus Arminius, (1560-1609) that a person is saved by faith, then by his own free will he may lose his salvation. This doctrine was basically the same as Galatianism, which is keeping the law in order to keep saved.

Arminianism has been adopted by the Nazarene church and the Methodist church. It is a doctrine of good works and self righteousness for salvation and calls Jesus Christ the Lord a liar.

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Jesus said, “*Whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life.*”

What part of the words everlasting and eternal do they not understand?

In his book *Theology For Preaching*, Mack B. Stokes, a bishop in the United Methodist Church, states,

“What, then, does it mean to be saved? It means to be pardoned by faith in our crucified and risen Savior. It means that through his death Jesus Christ has taken away our sins, and we are made right with God. Therefore, to be saved is to enter into eternal life which begins here and now and – if we remain faithful – continues into heaven when we die. (pages 292 and 293)

That is a contradiction. We are pardoned, and enter into eternal life, if we remain faithful??

What part of the words pardoned and eternal life did he not believe. This is self righteousness and Bible ignorance.

What he is saying is that he is faithful, are you?

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The Bible says that when we are saved by faith in Christ that we are born again, baptized by, which means immersed in, the Holy Spirit, and He, the Holy Spirit, guarantees our eternal salvation. (ref. John 7:38,39; 14:16,17; Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30)

Almost without exception, false doctrine is founded on self righteousness. It is legalism and Galatianism.

Romans 10:3. "For they, (Israel) being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

Since we are on the subject of the Holy Spirit indwelling all saved children of God, lets examine another false teaching promoted by the self righteous.

That is, if you are saved, the Holy Spirit will not let you sin. Or, if you are still sinning, you are not saved.

Or, as a sign in the front lawn of a Baptist church in Georgia read: "If your not living it you haven't got it."

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1 John 1:8. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

If we (Christians) say that we (Christians) have no sin, we (Christians) deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (Christians)

We do not promote sin. But the Holy Spirit does allow His own to sin. But be careful, He will only allow sin for so long, then beware.

The apostle Paul confessed his sinful nature. We are born with the sinful, old nature. It will not leave us until we are dead and leave this body we live in.

Those self righteous preachers who claim they do not sin after they were saved must be dead!!

The real sin is the sin of those who claim they do not sin. It is the evil disease of preaching the lie of a works righteousness.

It is the disease of trusting in their own righteousness, good works, and not submitting themselves unto the righteousness of God.

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More Lies My Preacher Told Me

It's easy for the Bible believing churches to condemn the so called cults. We consider a cult anyone who does not believe Christ is, was, and always will be God.

Any church organization that does not believe in salvation by grace through faith, the rapture, dispensations, and so forth, we consider a cult.

But what about those who mix grace and works. They claim to believe in salvation by grace through faith, yet teach otherwise.

Repent

The word repent used in the New Testament is the most misinterpreted word in the Bible. In connection with the gospel there are two words translated as repent.

They are *metanoeo*, and *metanoia*. Both words mean to change the mind. They are spelled differently because *metanoeo*, is a verb, and *metanoia* is a noun.

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Verbs and nouns have different endings in the Greek.

Hank Hanigraff, the self proclaimed Bible answer man, states the word repent comes from an Old English word and it means, *to turn from sin and turn to God.*

Well that is strange, Hank, I thought the New Testament was written in Greek.

The New Living Translation of the Bible translates the word repent as, *turn from sin and turn to God.*

And this so called Bible, was put together by a group of ‘scholars.’

John Hagee, in his book The Seven Secrets, states that the word repent means, *to go back to a place of highest position.* (pg. 153)

If the word repent means to turn from sin and turn to God, then salvation would be a works on our part. Isn’t turning from sin a work

Mark 1:15a ...repent and believe the gospel.

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Turn from sin, and then believe the gospel? I do not think so.

We all know the Bible says salvation is, “*not of works lest any man should boast.*” (*Ephesians 2:8,9 Titus 3:5*)

Head Belief and Heart Belief

Then there are those who say if you do not show some good work in your Christian life you are not saved.

Their claim is that you believed with your head and not your heart. What does that mean? Do we have two belief systems??

Once again, what they are really saying is, “You see. I believed with my heart and I am better than you because I show my salvation.” Self righteousness!!

Romans 10:10a states, *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.....”*

The word heart is the Greek word *kardia*, and it means, *thoughts; feelings; mind.*

There is only one belief system in man.

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I have in my library a book titled, Why Does The Devil Desire to Damn You? It was written by one of the great old Bible teachers who I will not mention.

On page 40 he gives the plan of salvation, and quotes John 1:11-13 and 3:18 and 5:24 which states *“He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life*”

He then quotes Ephesians 2:8,9 and Titus 3:5 to show salvation is not by works.

Then on page 41 He states that one must believe with the heart and confess Jesus with the mouth.

That sounds like works to me!!

On page 61 he says all one has to do to stay away from hell is, “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and trust him as your Savior.”

Then, on page 63 he states that one must pray for “the Lord to come into your heart.”

On page 75 he says, “You may have believed with your head, but if you have never believed with your heart you are still a sinner.”

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In one place he says all we have to do is believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is free without any works. Then, we are told to ask, call, pray, etc.

The problem is that this dear man, having a zeal for God, and to see people saved, was not able to keep it simple.

On page 147 he makes a statement that we will quote in it's entirety. ".....wretched sinners who need to be born again by being washed in the Blood! They cannot imagine going to the front of a church, bowing on their knees, and weeping tears of repentance while calling on a merciful God to save them by the power of the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus. The old fashioned mourners'-bench salvation was all right for grand-dad, but in this enlightened age it is not necessary."

Where in the Bible does it say to come to the front of a church, weep tears of repentance, and a mourners'-bench salvation.?

He uses the words, ".....get them to an old fashioned altar of repentance."

Why not just tell people that 'Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sin, and all they had to do was believe in Him.

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The mourners'-bench, and the altar of repentance are not even mentioned in the Bible.

Ask Jesus into your heart is not even mentioned in the Bible.

The Catholic church and the Lutheran church teach that baptizing infants will get them into heaven. That is a lie!!

Faith in Christ as Savior is what gets people into heaven.

Repent? Yes! Change your mind. Change your mind about your false gospel. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Salvation And Service

The problem is that we are mixing salvation and service. Salvation is free without any works. Our service for Christ is where we work. It has nothing to do with becoming saved or keeping saved, it is our 'reasonable service.' (*Romans 12:1,2*)

Why do we not make a distinction between salvation and service. When we mix the two, the simple salvation message becomes confusion.

There are two reasons we mix the two. They are the same two reasons for every false doctrine, every lie from the pulpit, every perverted gospel, and they are, self righteousness, and Bible ignorance.

Remember Paul's comment concerning Israel in Romans chapter ten? "*For I bear them record, they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.*" (that is Bible ignorance)

"For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, (once again, Bible ignorance) and going about to establish their own righteousness,.." (self righteousness)

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Bible ignorance and self righteousness.

As long as we are in Romans, Chapter Ten, allow us to use Romans, Chapter Ten, as an example. When people are trying to give the gospel we hear them use terms like, 'repent of your sins,' and 'call on the Lord.'

Romans chapter ten is where the term originates. *"For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13*

If that is part of the salvation message, then I, for one, want to use that term. When I give the gospel message, I want to make sure everyone calls on the name of the Lord, or they are not eternally saved!!!!

In the New Testament, the English word *saved*, in all cases except four, is translated from the Greek word, *sozo*. And it means *deliver; heal; protect; preserve*.

The reason the Holy Spirit inspired Romans chapter ten was to inspire Jewish Christians in particular, but all Christians to witness for Christ.

The Jews would not witness for Christ, because they would have to mention His name.

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Peter denied Him three times because of the fear of rejection of men. (Matthew 26:69-75)

The Jews had declared that any who confessed Him, would be put out of the synagogue. (John 9:22,23)

Romans, Chapter Ten, was given to remind us that we have divine protection when we call on the name of the Lord.

*Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith,
Whosoever believeth on him shall not be
ashamed.*

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call
upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Romans, Chapter Ten, was written to exhort the Christian to call on the Lord for divine protection from the world as we serve Him

Have you ever been attacked by those who hate the gospel. (of course it is no problem for those who do not witness)

The next two verses should clear everything up.

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Romans 10:14. "How, then, shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Romans 10:17. "So, Then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

This should clear it all up. Verse 14 has three questions. How shall they call on him of whom they have not believed?

You must be a believer to call on Him. A believer is a saved child of God.

How shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard?

So confess Him with your mouth and somebody just might be saved.

How shall they hear without a preacher? So go and preach. And as you preach, call on Him for protection.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. How shall they hear without a preacher? Witness for Christ.

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Romans, Chapter Ten, was written to exhort the Christian not to be ashamed of Christ. (vs.11)

It was written to remind them, the Jew in particular, and all Christians that if we call on the Lord He will deliver us.

Verses nine and ten are exhortations to serve Christ, not for salvation. Please notice....

Romans 10:10a. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness..." That is salvation!

Romans 10:10b. "and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." That is service!

When we confess Christ we are fulfilling Acts 1:8. It is our reasonable service.

However, when we mix salvation with service the gospel becomes muddy with mans works.

It is self righteousness and Bible ignorance. However, as Paul stated.....

1 Corinthians 14:38. "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

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In the 116th Psalm, King David used the phrase, 'call on the name of the Lord at least four times.

Psalm 116:2. "Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."

If calling on the name of the Lord is necessary for salvation, then, David must have been saved a lot of times during his life, because he called upon the Lord as long as he lived.

If calling on the Lord is part of the salvation process, do you have a right to call on Him after you are saved?

Psalm 116:13. "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."

David was saved first, (the cup of salvation) then he called upon the name of the Lord.

Calling on the name of the Lord is just one example of the many ways we distort the simple gospel. It is mixing grace and works.

Mixing grace with works is the same as mixing the salvation message with our service to Christ.

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Matthew 11:28-30. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The 'rest', of verse 28 is salvation. The 'labor' is trying to work our way to heaven. It is heavy laden and does not work.

The 'rest', of verse 29 is the second rest of service. I learned the importance of these verses from the book Hebrews, by Dr. M. R. DeHaan.

Mixing anything with 'believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved,' is Bible ignorance, and self righteousness.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

Did Jesus Lie?

We began this short book with three questions and a quote from Habakkuk. We will look at the quote from Habakkuk in the conclusion of this book.

The three questions were.....

1. Did Jesus Christ, Peter, Paul, and the Holy Spirit, who inspired all the authors of the Bible lie, or just tell half the truth?
2. What is the worse sin we can commit against God?
3. What are the consequences of that sin?

We would like to look at the first and most important question, because the other two questions rest upon the first.

Mark 1:15b....."repent, and believe the gospel."

Did Jesus and the Holy Spirit lie when Christ told Israel to repent, (change their mind) and believe the gospel? Why did He not tell them to turn from their sin, and call upon Him, and then believe the gospel?

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John 3:15. "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Did Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit lie when they gave us these words? Or did they just tell half the truth? Is believing in Him enough? Why did not John 3:16 conclude with "turn from sin, and come to the mourners- bench," or, "call on the Lord," or, "ask Jesus into your heart?"

John 6:47. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

Did Jesus lie when He spoke these words? Or did He just tell half the truth. Why would He leave the rest of the salvation message out?

Remember, we must believe with the heart and not the head. Head belief is just not enough. I believe I have five dollars in my pocket. But if I don't believe with my heart it might not be there???

In Acts, Chapter Ten, Verses 34 through 43 is the

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record of Peter's salvation message. In verses 34-38 he gives a personal account of the Messiah.

In Verses 39-41 he gives the account of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Then in verse 42 Peter said, "*and he commanded us to preach unto the people.....*"

Acts 10:43. "To him gave all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

Did Peter lie? Did the Prophets Lie? Did the Holy Spirit lie when He recorded these words. All I have to do is believe in Him, Jesus Christ, and receive remission of sins?

Shouldn't I pray to some saint? Or confess in front of some man? Maybe I should walk an aisle in some church?

After all, we know there is more to it than just believing in Jesus. We know they just told half the truth.

"to him give all the prophets witness....."

Either the prophets lied, or just told half the truth. We know it is not that easy. We know forgiveness

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of sin cannot be by simple faith in the finished work of Christ. Why did Peter, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, leave out the rest of the message?

Maybe Peter didn't leave out the rest of the message. Could it be that self righteous man has added to the Word of God?

In Acts chapter thirteen Paul preaches at Antioch. In verse 23 Paul reminds them that God, "raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus."

Then in verses 27-30 Paul states that Christ was slain and rose again. In verses 37-38 Paul states that Christ saw no corruption when He was raised again, and through Him, Christ, is preached the forgiveness of sin.

Acts 13:39. "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Did Paul the apostle, divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit lie? Or did he just tell half the truth? Can it be that simple? Is believing in Christ enough? We all know we must be water baptized. Why did Jesus, Peter, Paul, and the Holy Spirit leave that part out? "All that believe are justified from all things."

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Everyone knows you must confess your sins; to some body, anybody, a priest, your mother in law.

Did the Holy Spirit lie when He said, “Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness?” (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6)

Why did it not say, Abraham believed God and repented of his sin? Or, Abraham believed God and confessed his sin? Or, Abraham believed God and was water baptized? Or, Abraham confessed his sin to a priest? Or, Abraham went to the old fashioned mourner’s-bench?

I wonder if Abraham believed with his head or his heart. After all, Abraham did have two belief systems, didn’t he?

I wonder if Abraham asked Jesus to come into his heart?

The Holy Spirit, Jesus, Paul, Peter, and all the authors of the Bible did say we must ask Jesus into our heart? Or did they? I don’t know? I am so confused!!

I know; I bet Abraham had the full gospel.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

Believe in Vain

1 Corinthians 15:1-4. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and in which ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

We would like to expound on this portion of Scripture because we know some self righteous preacher will foul it up.

When we think about faith, we must ask the question, "faith in what?"

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What do you have faith in? Is it faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for the forgiveness of sin, or faith in your own good works?

What is the Jewish faith?

It is faith in keeping the law of Moses. A self righteous faith in self.

The faith of Islam is faith in their own works. Which is usually mistreating their women and killing infidels.

We know that some preacher will use the word *vain* found in these verses quoted to claim that if you do not believe with your heart, or have some good works, or keep the faith, you are not saved, or you might lose your salvation. None of the above is true.

Paul wrote chapter fifteen of 1 Corinthians for a good reason. It was because some of the people in Corinth were being water baptized ignorantly.

Water baptism is our outward, public, expression, of the fact we believe in the resurrection of Christ.

When we are baptized, we are identifying with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

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Many of those in Corinth did not believe in a resurrection. Yet, they were being water baptized.

In chapter one Paul began with, *“I thank God that I baptized none of you,”* (vs. 14a) and *“For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel;”* (vs. 17a)

If water baptism was a requirement for salvation, Paul would have drug them to a body of water kicking and screaming.

The reason Paul began with this statement is because they were being baptized and did not even believe in a resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:12. “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?”

1 Corinthians 15:14. “And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.”

It should be easy to see why Paul said “I am glad I baptized none of you.”

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The Greek word vain in verses 10 and 14 is the word *kenos*, and it means, *empty; void*.

And so, Paul had to declare the gospel to this group of religious fools.

They claimed to have faith in Christ, yet they did not believe in a resurrection. Then Paul had to explain that if they did not believe in a resurrection their faith was vain, empty, and void. (vs. 12-19)

In verse 2 Paul makes the statement, “*unless ye have believed in vain.*”

The Greek word for vain in this verse is, *eike* and it means *failure; without reason; without affect*.

If Christ did not rise from the dead our faith in Him is without effect, a failure.

1 Corinthians 15:17. “And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins.”

The Greek word vain in this verse is the word *mataios*, and it means *profitless; empty; vain*.

The gospel is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin.

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Paul said if you do not believe He rose again you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:29. "Else what shall they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they, then, baptized for the dead?"

Paul's question to them was, why are you baptized in the name of Christ if he is dead? If He is not risen, He is still dead. Why are you baptized symbolically, in His resurrection, if you do not believe in a resurrection. You are baptized for the dead, and you are still in your sins if Christ did not rise again.

Is it any wonder Paul said, "I am glad that I baptized none of you."

It is easy to see how false doctrine gets started.

We have taken the time to point all this out in order to show how mankind will pervert and distort the truth in order to be religious.

The Church at Corinth, like the church at Galatia, had mixed grace and works, salvation and service, and it had become 'another gospel.'

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It had gotten to the point that Paul had to ‘declare the gospel’ to the church at Corinth, and warn the church at Galatia.

The Catholic church and the Lutheran church believe baptizing infants guarantees their eternal life. That is a lie!!

The Mormon church uses 1 Corinthians 15:29 to baptize people for those who have died. That will not work and is just plain Bible ignorance, and a lie!!

The Church of Christ believes it is necessary to be baptized in order to be saved. That is a lie!!

“I thank God that I baptized none of you,...”

“for Christ sent me not to baptize but preach the gospel...”

CHAPTER TWENTY

The Laodicean Church Age

The church at Laodicea was the last church mentioned in Revelation. (Revelation 3:14-22)

These seven churches were seven literal churches at the time. They also represent seven types of doctrine preached in our churches.

They also represent seven periods of church history from the foundation of the church in the book of Acts, to the rapture.

The church that will be on this earth when Christ comes to gather His church together, will be the Laodicean church.

Revelation 3:15,16. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert either cold or hot.

So, then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

Neither cold nor hot; Lukewarm. I have heard many preachers claim that the problem with the

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church at Laodicea is they were not serving the Lord. Therefore, they were lukewarm. Wrong!!

The problem with the church at Laodicea was the message. Like most churches today they had mixed grace and works and the gospel had become lukewarm. It is mixing hot and cold.

Revelation 3:17. "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,"

Poor Laodiceans. I picture a large church with stained glass windows. Red carpeting with oak, hand carved, pews.

The deacons got together for breakfast and prayer once a week.

The ladies had their socials. They took up collections for the poor and those in need.

The pastor belonged to the local ministerial association, where he hobnobbed with the Baptists, Pentecostals, Methodists, Catholics, and etc.

Sounds like a mixed multitude to me!

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Yet, they were, poor, wretched, and blind.

In the entrance to this large, elaborate church you will find a selection of tracts, that the members leave on the back of toilets in public rest rooms.

These tracts tell people about the simple gospel; how to be saved. It will say you must repent of your sin. Then you must confess Christ publicly. Then you must ask Jesus into your heart. Then somewhere it will say to believe in Jesus and call upon him.

Lukewarm. Mixing grace and works. Mixing salvation with service.

In this church Jesus Christ is standing at the door and knocking. But they do not hear Him knock. They are blind and poor and naked. Maybe that is why they do not open the door. No! That is not it! They do not know they are blind and naked.

They think they are rich because they do not sin. They condemn and criticize everyone because they are perfect, yet they associate with the ones they criticize.

There are a few who are honestly saved.

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Someday the Lord will gather His church together. (ref. Ephesians 1:10 2 Thessalonians 2:1)

Although the word is not in the Bible, we call this the rapture of the church. (ref, 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

When this event takes place Christ will gather His church, those who have died, and those who are still alive on this earth, together.

Unfortunately, many of those in the Laodicean church will be left behind and go into the seven year tribulation.

They will be faced with seven years of the Antichrist. They will soon realize something is wrong and they missed the rapture.

They thought they were saved because some preacher convinced them believing in Christ is not enough. They were told they must turn from their sin and confess Christ. They were told just simple faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ is not sufficient.

We must do something.

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The church at Laodicea was not what we consider a cult church. They were supposed to be a New Testament church founded on the gospel.

They were not one of those many churches that do not believe Christ is, and was, God.

(Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Eastern religions, and many others who do not believe Christ is God, are not part of the New Testament church.)

Personally, I believe we are living in the poor, wretched, miserable, blind, and naked, Laodicean church age.

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Perilous Times

2 Timothy 3:1. "This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

In the last days of the church, during the days of the Laodicean church, perilous time shall come. I believe just before the rapture of the church, the world will be overcome by evil. It will not be the tribulation, but times will be perilous. (fierce is the meaning in the Greek)

In 2 Timothy 2:2 through 2:11 Paul explains what these times will be like, and how people are going to think.

It will be a society that is ruled by the antichrist mentality. Just as it is today, only much worse.

Notice the words of Paul in verse 11,

"Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me.....but out of them all the Lord delivered me."

In the latter times of the church age there will be perilous, fierce, times. Just prior to the rapture, the

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church will suffer persecutions.

We can see the foundation of these events unfolding today.

In 2 Timothy chapter three, Paul states that in the latter days perilous times shall come. Why?

2 Timothy 3:12,13. “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

Those who adhere to the truth, in the latter days of the church age, will suffer persecution.

Those who do not adhere to the truth, evil men and seducers, will become (wax) worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

False religion!! A lie founded on the words of Satan, which are, “yea hath God said?”

These are those who claim simple faith in Jesus Christ is not enough. Those who claim to have the ‘full gospel’ because they speak in a strange tongue.

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Those who claim repent means to turn from sin.
Those who claim they can heal from a television screen.

Those who claim their preacher can forgive their sin. Those who claim water baptism is part of the salvation process.

Evil men and seducers; Deceiving and being deceived.

Bible ignorant and self righteous; Calling Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit liars; Calling the authors of the Bible who were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit liars.

2 Timothy 3:8. "Now as Jan'nes and Jam'bres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth, men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."

2 Timothy chapter three was written to show that there are those who resist the truth, and have corrupt minds. They are evil men and seducers.

Have you been seduced by a lie. Do you believe Jesus Christ told the truth when He said, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life."*

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Or, did He just tell half the truth?

Then, in verse 8 Paul reminds Timothy to, *“continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of,...”*

And Paul closes the chapter with the following.

2 Timothy 3:16,17. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

All Scripture is inspired by God. It is the truth. It is, “Thus saith the Lord.”

If it does not agree with the inspired Word of God it is a lie from Satan, and is, “yea hath God said?”

The gospel is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sin. Whosoever believeth in Him has forgiveness of sin and eternal life. That is what Jesus said. That is what Peter said. That is what Paul said. That is what the Holy Spirit said, and what the Bible says.

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What do you say?

Perilous times will come because we have called Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit liars for to long.

Matthew 12:31,32. "Wherefore, I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (Spirit) shall not be forgiven men.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, (Spirit) it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, neither in the age to come."

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is calling the Holy Spirit a liar. It is the same as calling God the Father, and God the Son, liars. It is the same as calling the Word of God a lie.

When we say simple faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross is not enough for salvation, it is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

Conflict and the Common Enemy

Have you ever watched an old western movie? We see the dirt farmers and the cattle ranchers at war. The people who wrote the scripts for those movies were brilliant.

There was always someone in the background, who no one suspected, causing the divisions between the farmers and the cattle ranchers, or the settlers and the Indians, or anybody and everybody.

He was always in the background stirring up strife between people because he had something to gain. If he could get the cattle ranchers to run off the farmers he would buy up the property because he knew the railroad was coming through. Brilliant!!

Or, if he could get the Cavalry to run off 'them filthy thieve-in redskins,' he could buy up all the government land and be rich, 'cause there's gold in them thar hills.' Brilliant!!

There was always someone creating a conflict with a common enemy because he, or she, had something to gain.

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Remember, evil exists in this world!!

There are many reasons why someone would create a conflict and a common enemy. We would like to give just four.

1. They get the center of attention.
2. As the center of the conflict no one sees them as the enemy.
3. Often times they are failures, particularly in their own mind, it focuses attention on failure of others.
4. They have something to gain.

We would like to give some examples, and explain what this has to do with the theme of this book.

Example

This is a true story about a mother who we will call Jane. Jane grew up in a home divided by her father. He caused his wife and their children to fight for his affections. They would often criticize their brothers and sisters in the presence of their

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father, in order to get his attention. No one could live up to the fathers demands of perfection, though they tried. Not even, and especially, the mother.

Jane grew up with a severe inferiority problem.

Before we continue, we must answer the question many must be asking, and that is, what does this have to do with the theme of this book?

The answer is that evil exists in this world. It exists because Satan and his fallen angels exist in this world. Their influence is evil and they have a goal. They use people to accomplish their goal.

Jane was married and had three children. She was divorced because her husband was tired of the constant conflict Jane created around her. It was constant mental, and even physical battle. Jane was always at the center, and she loved it.

Now she created conflict between her children. When they grew up and were married she created conflict between them and their spouses. If they were divorced she would have loved it. Ruining her own children's live didn't seem to matter.

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Her real goal was to bring everyone down to her level, even ruining her own children's lives, because they would be as unhappy and inferior as she felt she was.

If Jane could create a conflict and a common enemy, she would have someone to identify with, even her own children.

That is exactly what Satan did with Eve in the garden. He caused Eve to sin against God and created a conflict between Eve, Adam, and God.

Satan brought man down to his level and the truth became the common enemy. It still is today.

Therefore, sin became evil, which is sin that is evil by influence.

This same thought process became predominate in the early church when division was caused by those who contradicted the simple gospel with a works righteousness.

No! No! They would say. It is not enough to believe in Christ, you must be circumcised according to the law of Moses. (Acts 15:1-5)

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The church at Galatia was influenced by this lie and the gospel had been perverted. (Galatians 1:6-9; 3:1-5)

In the nineteen thirties, Germany was recovering from the First World War. They felt humiliated, and were going through a financial depression.

They lost their national patriotism, and their feeling of identity.

Along came evil Adolph Hitler. He created a conflict with a common enemy. The enemy was that so called inferior Jew and the communist. The nation rallied with Hitler and they felt as one as a people.

Soon, the churches became the common enemy, then Poland, and the rest of the world.

Hitler became a god to Germany and was at the center of attention. He had acquired all authority and was supreme. In reality, Hitler was a failure, and inferior.

In 1993, in Oslo Norway, during the never ending negotiations between Israel and Palestine, Israel offered to give the Gaza Strip, along with Jericho,

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to the so-called Palestinian refugees as a concession.

They refused the offer.

Israel offered to build schools, malls, hospitals, and homes for the refugees.

The late Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader from the time of Lyndon Johnson, refused the offer, and many offers before and after.

Why? Because it was supposed to be a peace offer, and Arafat could not afford to have peace.

As long as there was conflict between Israel and Palestine, Arafat maintained control over his leadership. His common enemy was Israel.

Arafat received millions of dollars from the United Nations and the U.S.A. to provide for the so-called homeless refugees, who, by the way, the other Arab nations would not take in.

The money Arafat received went into his very large bank account.

All of this, was in perfect alignment with the prophecy against Israel in Deuteronomy 28 and 29.

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(see the book Shimon Peres The New Middle East
by the author Shimon Peres)

The point to all of this is to show that evil exists
in the world. Evil began with Satan. Because of his
sin, he was cast out of heaven with his fallen angels.

He deceived Eve, and she influenced Adam.
Adam sinned and sin fell upon all humanity.

The real sin, which God calls evil, is the sin of
calling God a liar. It is, “yea hath God said?”

The word evil is found over six hundred times in
the Bible. Evil exists. As long as evil exists there
will be evil activity, like Jane, Hitler, Yasser Arafat,
and others. There will be conflicts and a common
enemy.

The common enemy of Satan is the truth. The
common enemy of the truth is the lie of Satan, and
therein lies the conflict.

Evil exists! In the latter days, God may send this
evil, which already exists, against His church, just
like He did Israel.

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Conclusion

Remember, in the introduction to this short book, we began with a quote from the prophet Habakkuk.

He was perplexed. He saw violence, iniquity, strife, contentions. The law was slacked, and the wicked ruled over the righteous.

He asked God why He allowed such things?

God's answer was that He raised up the Chaldeans (Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar) for judgment, and they would gather Israel captives. (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

Habakkuk then exclaimed, "*O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O Mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.*"

Why?

Daniel 9:14. "Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us; for the Lord, our God, is righteous in

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all his works which he doeth; for we obeyed not his voice.”

God is not evil. He is righteous.

God brought the evil that already exists upon Israel.

Why?

Jeremiah 2:17a. “Hast thou not procured this unto thyself.....”

They asked for it. It was their own fault. They brought it upon themselves.

Why?

Jeremiah 2:13. “For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”

Romans 10:3,4. “For they, being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

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*For Christ is the end of the law for
righteousness to everyone that believeth.”*

Today, Israel is still suffering from their failure,
and enduring the curse proclaimed on them in
Deuteronomy.

Present Day

2000 years ago God began calling out His church.
Instead of looking at the example of Israel, the
church has failed.

We have mixed the gospel with so much works it
is not clear. It is no longer believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ and thou shalt be saved. It is believe plus
this, and believe plus that. It is lukewarm. Christ is
outside the door knocking.

In our present day society criminals are pitied and
set free to murder, rape, destroy and mutilate.

Evil politicians make rules and laws that shackle
the citizens. In politics and in the pulpits we have
homosexuals, adulterers, liars and thieves.

The local law enforcement is more interested in
traffic violations than in fighting real crime.

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We live in an evil society that is becoming more evil everyday.

We must now accept gay marriage by law. A law that is passed by the homosexual community.

The U. S. government is predominately communist, and they are elected by the people.

We have evil and corrupt organizations making decisions for us; such as the A.C.L.U., and Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Regulatory Board, and so on.

We are told what to eat. Many states and communities are passing laws banning sugar and salt.

There are millions of abortions performed in the U.S. alone each year.

Perilous Times

In the latter days of the church age perilous times will come.

Why?

We have asked for it. We deserve it.

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Why?

Because we have hewn out broken cisterns which hold no water. We have forsaken the fountain of living water, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been trying to establish our own righteousness.

We do not know if we are living in the latter days of the Laodicean church, but we must be awful close.

Our preachers stand in the pulpits complaining about homosexuality and abortion and the government and all of society's ills, while the problem is with the message from the pulpits.

Just like Israel, the church has brought the evil upon itself.

2 Chronicles 36:16. "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was NO REMEDY."

What is your message? Is it thus saith the Lord, or yea hath God said?

RECOMMENDED READING

The Mysteries of the New Testament and The Shadow of the Cross By Dr. Dan Arbogast.

A Bible study on the word mystery found 27 times in the New Testament.

The Difference Between Salvation and Service By Dr. Dan Arbogast.

A Bible study showing how the salvation message is mixed with our service for Christ and the simple gospel is perverted.

Both are available from Christian Bible Press
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Salvation and the Public Invitation By Dr. Max D. Younce

A Bible study showing how the clear gospel produces true believers.

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LAW or GRACE By Dr. M. R. DeHaan, M.D.

A Bible study on the book of Galatians. Reveals how the simple gospel is perverted by works.

Hebrews By Dr. M. R. DeHaan, M.D.

A study on the book of Hebrews. Reveals the failure of the Hebrew Christian, along with other Christians.

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An excellent study on the beginning of the church in the Book of Acts.

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