

# *Have One Mind (in Christ) - Philippians 2:5*

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## *Be Not Conformed to This World (Romans 12:2)*

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The scripture tells us, "be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2), and yet, most Christians are well conformed to the world, to the point that the average person cannot tell the difference between a Christian and non-Christian. The excuse is that "if we are too different from the world, the world will not want to know about Christianity".

There are at least two problems with this thought process. The first is that Jesus never used that tactic, and we are told, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6).

Secondly, if we conform to the world to pal around with the world in hopes of winning them to church, then has not the world won? It sure has, hence why many churches have been turned into arenas for sporting events, movie theaters, coffee clubs, and much more. Basically,

those practices have Christians acting just like the world.

Besides, since when is getting people to attend church the goal? Church attendance as the goal to preaching the gospel is unbiblical. There is no biblical basis. The goal of teaching the gospel is to convert souls. Jesus said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20).

Directly on the main matter, we are told, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). When we join with the world, we become an enemy of God. In trying to enjoy the ways of the world, even for a religious reason, puts us at odds with

God. In fact, we are on satanic territory. Do we not remember that Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24)? Mammon is the ways of the world.

Now, many readers will have a tough time with this message, but those that "know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19), will see the truth and appreciate it. The message is given not to condemn anyone, but to call people out of the practices they may be ignorant of, or even have been taught are the Christian thing to do, when they are not.

We are to "be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24). "Walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4). "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). Our minds are not renewed if we are conformed to the world.

To us, Jesus has entrusted that "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14), but if we are

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eating, drinking, being entertained, and overall living the ways of the world, we are hid. We are then not on a hill, and we are definitely not a light to the world, enlightening people to the ways of God. We have conformed to the darkness instead.

The Word teaches how we Christians ought to behave, how we are to conduct our everyday lives, but when we are like the world, we are like those “that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22). Oh, we may discredit this connection by saying we do not seek after wealth, but wealth comes in many forms. Those who have an abundance of time that they spend binge-watching show after show have little desire for serious Bible study, therefore, the Word of God is choked out of the life. When people are interested in amassing “likes” on social media, trying to go viral, to simply get their worldly comment out to the universe, the Word of God is choked. Wealth is not restricted to monetary means, nor is it seeking after the abundance of time, or even a way of life which accomplishes a large quantity of nothingness. There are many other forms that are too numerous to state, but it comes down to this one thing – is the study of God’s Word a regular activity in the life? If not, then it is being choked by something, and that something is the wealth – wealth of the worldly ways.

And “seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be

added unto you” (Luke 12:29-31). Now, seeking after what to eat and drink comes in the form of being worried about where the next meal may come from, but it also takes on another form, and that is the constant need of variety at a meal. Sure, we ought not eat the same meal over and over and over, but to say, “Didn’t we have that last month?” or worse, “Didn’t we have that a few months ago?” People are so caught up in the appearance, the taste, the appetite for food, that they are forgetting that we are to “eat to live”. Our focus for variety ought to be simply making sure we take into our bodies all the necessary vitamins and minerals.

Now, a test to see if a person is worldly or not – Jesus said, “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (John 15:19). So, if a person who professes to be a Christian is getting along with everyone very easily, knowing full well certain activities that some folks indulge in ought not be practiced by a Christian, yet those other people are accepting of that particular Christian, though the ways of those people are not personally practiced by the Christian, that person is worldly, and not a Christian at all. We do not purposely cause friction, but Jesus said that those of the world would love or accept their own type. Therefore, if a person gets along with everyone, then either Jesus is a liar or that person is deceived. Remember, “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34), spiritually speaking, of course. True Christians automatically create friction; that is because “what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon

us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not” (1 John 3:1). Jesus prayed, “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:14). Now, when Jesus also prayed, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil” (John 17:15), He was praying what Paul would also later teach, which is that a true Christian is not conformed to this world.

Another test is found in 1 John 4:5, which says, “They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.” Therefore, if the conversation is about the sporting event, the latest celebrity music, super-hero movies and TV shows, catching up on sitcoms and series, even the political schemes of the day, this person is worldly. And how many sermons do we listen to that are filled with sports analogies? That is a worldly minister teaching worldliness.

True Christians, “have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” (1 Corinthians 2:12). And remember, “the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness” (1 Corinthians 3:19). Specifically, “Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise” (1 Corinthians 3:18). So, while the world strives to play the stock market trying to make “wise investments”, and people labor hard towards a relaxing retirement, etc., God’s people operate on what the world calls foolishness.

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The mission of *Have One Mind (in Christ)* is to encourage the desire of “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:12), “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15), and to “abideth in the doctrine of Christ” (2 John 1:9) by following the words of Jesus, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23).

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And the notion that we are to make friends with worldly people goes against God's principles: "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world" (1 Corinthians 5:9-10). And evidently porn is prevalent in the schools, let alone having sex. A child's friend, or should we say, a teen's friend, should not be one that is actively engaged in sexual activity in any form. Sure, that probably limits a lot of friendships and creates loneliness, but so was Jesus, but remember, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6).

Another thing the world is into is quoting the great philosophers. The world is also steeped in tradition, especially around the "religious holidays". Yet, we are told, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8). So, think twice about putting up fictional character decorations and symbols or even talking about Santa Clause, the Easter Bunny, etc., as if they are real. God would have us not participate with those things. Now, I am not saying the holidays are to be completely ignored, but they ought to be Christ-centered, not false-christ-centered. The focus of Jesus having been a baby all through the month of December diminishes the importance of His coming to save us from our sins. And the next time we think what Confucius said, change the thought.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).


"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-14).

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (2 Peter 2:20).

"Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:15-17).

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5).

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).



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## Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

### Building Up the Immune System

Exodus 15:26 tells us of a promise from God that extends beyond the Old Testament. It says, “And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee.”

Deuteronomy 7:15 reiterates the promise. “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 [them] that hate thee.”

Now, a lot of Christians usually ignore the Old Testament figuring that Jesus was all about the New Testament, yet since Jesus declared that He was the “I AM” (John 8:58) that spoke to Abraham (John 8:56)

and even Moses, and the fact that “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8), this principle is still in effect today as He was part of the implementing of the principles.

If we look at Egypt as representing the old life of eating and drinking and living (Exodus 16:3) instead of just a physical country, we see that such ways of living have an impact on our immune system. Only a fool would believe that one can eat, drink, and live however they want without consequence. Just about everyone knows that we are headed for serious health issues if our diet consists only of large quantities of refined sugar products found in candy and other sweets. Candy for breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as snacking on candy in between meals is going to be inviting numerous professionals, such as the dentist, various specialists, and many trips to the pharmacy, along with a shortened life. The Bible even tells

us that “[It is] not good to eat much honey” (Proverbs 25:27).

And this leads into dissecting these two verses of Exodus 15:26 and Deuteronomy 7:15 a bit further. While in ignorance of God’s health principles scattered throughout the Bible, we may have found ourselves relying upon medical professionals, having to run errands to the store to pick up one drug after another, along with trips to the doctor, for reasons aside from accidents like broken bones.

Beyond the Bible telling us to watch the amount of “honey” or “sweets”, many more principles exist. In fact, the “voice of the Lord thy God” is held in the form of the Bible today, for it is the written voice. He has provided many statements directly and indirectly to guide our decisions regarding exercise, water intake, water usage in general, rest, being outdoors, and much more. As we adhere to these principles, we will find our doctor visits, our drug

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*Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)*

Let’s face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel’s example and also be praying at least three times a day.

To help direct one’s thoughts on a subject, this website offers three Bible references a day: morning, afternoon, and evening.

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needs, even our aches and pains will diminish.

God's Ten commandments even help us reduce stress, heart attacks, the need for caffeine, and much more, all related to not laboring properly as well as not taking God's day off once a week. The Sabbath, a day to rest from our labors, aids in the healing process, body recuperation, and the reduction of many artery clogging activities, primarily connected to stress. A lot of people treat this commandment as a "go to church day". It goes beyond that. It is a day to do everything possible to shut the chaos out, focus on God and family, and become rejuvenated.

Beyond the commandments are statutes or guiding principles. For instance, last month we looked at

temperance. That is a statute, one of many. Is it a good thing to labor and earn an income? Sure it is! But, if that labor turns out to be the neglect of health, family, and God, by working double shifts every day, being intemperate, then we are asking for health issues as well.

As we adhere to every statute, every commandment, we ought to expect less of a presence of disease and sickness in general because God promises that result. Even colds and flu will become minimal, even possibly non-existent. Of course, we cannot help it when someone with a cold or flu sneezes directly on us, but nonetheless, the occurrence over all and the duration should be less frequent.

Now do realize, adjusting one's lifestyle to coincide with how God

would want us to live is not an instant healing process in most cases. The old lifestyle has to be worked out of the system. If you chose to walk a mile every day after reading this, you will definitely have to push yourself until it is a regular routine. It will not be easy, but in a matter of weeks of consistency, you may consider a second mile in a short period of time.

So, search the scriptures and see what else God tells you that is beneficial to your immune system which will lead you to achieve better health. "O taste and see that the LORD [is] good: blessed [is] the man [that] trusteth in him" (Psalms 34:8).



## Healthy and Delicious Recipes

### Scrambled Chickpeas

#### Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 small can of cooked, drained chickpeas
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 strip of green or red pepper in cut in small pieces
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 4 Tablespoons of vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon of powdered turmeric

- salt
- chopped parsley or coriander for garnish

#### Preparation

- Crush the chickpeas with a fork, leaving a few whole pieces to give texture. Set aside.
- In a frying pan, sauté the onion, pepper, and garlic in oil until tender.

- Add turmeric, salt, (and any others you want). Stir everything.
- Add the crushed chickpeas. Stir well to incorporate the flavors.
- Add the vegetable broth and cook for 3-5 minutes till heated through.
- Remove from heat, adjust seasoning to taste, and add garnish.



# Natural Vitamins

## **Dandelion Top To Bottom!**

Dandelions are more than just a weed. The entire plant is edible except the stem.

Flowers can be eaten fresh or dried and are a great source of vitamins A and B12. They can be used in pancake or fritter mixes.

You can add young dandelion greens to fresh salads or as a replacement to chives. They can also be sauteed, stir-fried or creamed. On cup of chopped dandelion leaves are a good amount of potassium, Vitamin A and sodium.

The root can be roasted to make a caffeine-free coffee. The root can also be used dried or fresh and made into teas, tinctures, infusions and poultices.

It is a diuretic and can be used to ease bloating and lower high blood pressure. Make it into a paste and mix with water to soothe skin disorders like eczema, psoriasis, rashes and boils.

It also has shown to block the flow of sugar from the intestines to the bloodstream preventing spikes in your blood sugar or insulin levels. As a tonic it can cleanse the liver.

Dandelion is generally considered safe and well tolerated in adults if consumed in moderation.

Side effects include heartburn, diarrhea, upset stomach and irritated skin.

If you are allergic to ragweed, chrysanthemums, marigold, chamomile, feverfew, yarrow or plants such as sunflowers and daisies, you should avoid. Avoid if pregnant or nursing. Always talk to your health-care provider before starting a new supplement.



## **Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15**

Jude 1:10-13 shows the context of what is about to be stated: “But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.”

Many Christians speak the evil of legalism, works, etc. against the keeping of the Ten Commandments because they do not understand the proper relationship between grace, faith, and the commandments. Keeping the Ten Commandments is not a method of earning the free gift, but rather because the gift has been given to us, especially in the form of grace (Romans 6:1-2), we do not continue sinning, which is the breaking of the commandments (1 John 3:4). Therefore, such Christians continue to act naturally, which is to give in to the desires of the flesh at will, instead of walking after the Spirit (Romans 8:1,4 – KJV), and are corrupting themselves with sin (Hosea 9:9). They worship God in their own wrong way just like Cain

did. They want to be of God, saved, and yet enjoy the ways of the world like Balaam. They even declare themselves to have been made holy while still sinning, even declaring that they are “saved”, just like Korah (Numbers 16:1-3). All the works of charity are spotted with sin. They are powerless clouds offering no good witness of God’s power to keep us from sinning (Jude 24), but do show the power of Satan to keep people in their sins. They are “carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men” (Ephesians 4:14). “By their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20) revealing they are dead in their sins. They rage against righteousness, foaming at the justification of their own ways, wandering about life

aimlessly. All of these things represent a lost person. In short, they have not been truly made holy nor sanctified. Are you being made holy and sanctified? John 17:17

Hebrews 2:18 states, "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." Now, if a sanctified and holy life of a Christian was not expected, why would it matter that Jesus "is able to succour them that are tempted"? First, only Christians are tempted, of course, tempted to sin. The lost are not tempted as they are already indulging in sin. Satan has them already. Now, temptation is not a temptation if there is nothing to lose. What is there to lose? Eternal life, of course. The devil is not trying to tempt people to get hurt, to lose their job, to break up marriages, to have a miserable life, but in the end, see that person still go to Heaven. That would be a waste of his time if all that the devil could do is make life miserable for a Christian. It is like a race, where if all the opponents were to try tactics to trip up the main runner, hold them back, and do everything they could to prevent the runner from running, but in the end, he is still declared the winner. The opponents would not even enter the contest. The opponents are the devil and his angels. Now, if the devil could tempt people to say, "I am done being a Christian. I want to live as the world" (2 Peter 2:20-21), then that is worth it, and that is exactly what he does. Now, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]" (1 Corinthians 10:13). "Submit yourselves

therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). So, do you understand the purpose of temptation, or do you live in a lofty idea that you are still saved even if you give in to temptation? More importantly, do you see what Heaven is doing for you ("succour", "make a way of escape", and give power to "resist the devil") to overcome every temptation to help you stay faithful to God and "endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22)?

So many Christians misquote and misunderstand Romans 1:17, which says, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Christians love to quote the words "The just shall live by faith" thinking they are freed from the works, freed from the actions of doing good, freed from living a righteous life. James says, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18). For those who dismiss James, which many Christians do, the verse in Romans says, "therein is the righteousness of God revealed." How is it revealed? Is it revealed by letters appearing in the sky? Is it revealed in a voice being heard? We know it is revealed in the Bible, but that does little in revealing the righteousness of God as most people, including Christians, ignore their Bibles. The answer is that it is revealed through us. We should be "dead to sins, should live unto righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). We should be "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12). "Impossible!", you say? That is where a justified person lives by

faith, for "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). So, do you live the righteous and holy life revealing God, or do you just claim the justification part and reveal Satan through continuing in sin?

John 1:17 says, "For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Grace is the justification; however, truth is the sanctification. If we accept Jesus' grace, we need to apply His truth. Even Paul writes, "unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath" (Romans 2:8). Therefore, to not live according to the truth, a sanctified and holy life, is to end in "indignation and wrath" of God! And if you do not believe this connection, I ask the same question that Paul did, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?" (Galatians 3:1) substituting your name for "Galatians", and "who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Galatians 5:7). Obedience to the truth is the way of a true Christian. Anything short of it is deception.

Acts 3:22-23 says, "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, [that] every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." The word "hear" does not mean to use only our ears. A parent may say, "Do not leave this house. Do you hear me?" What is the parent expecting? Are they expecting only the words to be in the ears, but the child can go out-



side? Of course not. The Bible even says, "For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13), and "be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). The word "doer" is clearly the expectation that Christians would live a holy and sanctified life. We are not to do the law or the word just when we feel like it. We are to hear and do what Jesus taught every moment of our lives, and He said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19), and "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). So, do you hear that Jesus taught us to keep the commandments and keep His Word, and so you will also obey them, being doers of what is heard?

We are told in Luke 1:77-79 that Jesus came "To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and [in] the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." If a cancer patient receives the news that the cancer is in remission, that means that it has stopped. So, then, if a sinner receives the news that the sin in one's life is in remission, that means it has stopped. And that is the gospel, for Jesus "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24). He is our spiritual Physician. We know true salvation causes the sin in us to stop, because

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not" (1 John 2:1). "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). And even in the verse for today states that He will "guide our feet into the way of peace". Sin destroys peace. The remission of sin is replaced with a holy and sanctified life and use our feet "to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6), which "ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (1 John 3:5). So, are you enjoying the remission of sin in your life, or are you still being eaten up like cancer through continuing to sin?

2 John 1:8 states, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward", which makes two points very clear. First, it is possible to lose the reward of Heaven, therefore, to defend "once saved, always saved" after reading this verse, along with many others, is purely taking the Bible out of context. In other words, those who live by John 10:28-29, ignoring verse 27, are also ignoring all of the verses contrary to the "once saved, always saved" false teaching. Second, we are to examine ourselves often, like daily, to make sure we are not on the path to losing what we have – the free gift of salvation. That looking and checking is the sanctified and holy life. What do we use to check ourselves? Jesus said, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17). The commandments cannot save us, but they point out the sins that we need to then "confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The com-

mandments drive us to Jesus for grace. But if we do not seek grace after sinning, which includes repenting or wanting to stop the sin, then we lose what we have been given. We are unfit to receive the gift. So, do you "die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31) being "doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22), or do you "be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was" (James 1:23-24)?

1 John 2:3 clearly states, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." The opposite would be true – we do not know Him as we break the commandments. And do not try to say, "But it is in the context of brotherly love being the commandment", for I shall say that Jesus said, regarding brotherly love, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). In other words, brotherly love is the summary of keeping the last six of the Ten Commandments while love of God is the keeping of the first four. And keeping the commandments is a holy and sanctified life. So, are you keeping the commandments or just pretending to know God?

Galatians 2:20 says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and

the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Jesus said it more plainly with the words, "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Basically, if "Christ lives in me", then would Christ sin? Of course not. Would Christ be selfish? Of course not. "Christ living in me" is the sanctified life. So, is Christ in you or self? Is Christ in you or sin?

Acts 3:19 calls everyone to "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." If a child fell into a mud puddle and was asked to get out of the mud puddle so they can be cleaned up, would it be right for the child to return to the mud puddle? Of course not. To repent is to choose to stop sinning. To be converted is to live a new and holy way of life of obedience to God and dying to self (Matthew 16:24, 1 Corinthians 15:31), which is a sancti-

fied life. To have the sins blotted out means they are also out of our life and do not participate in them anymore, else, we are a child returning to the mud puddle. So, have you repented, been converted, and have had your sins blotted off the records in Heaven as well as out of your life, or do you simply believe in a powerless gospel the does not call for repentance, conversion, or removal of sins? One gospel is correct. The other is deadly.



## Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God

**When the very final days occur, is Europe supposed to be united or divided? [Answers will appear next month.]**

1. When Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar about the dream that the king forgot, but was disturbed to know it and the meaning of it, what is the first metal object identified; what does that object represent? Daniel 2:31-32, Daniel 2:37-38
2. What is the second metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:32, Daniel 2:39
3. Who is this second kingdom? Daniel 5:28-31

4. What is the third metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:32, Daniel 2:39
5. Who is this third kingdom? Daniel 8:4-7, Daniel 8:20-21
6. What is the fourth metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:33, Daniel 2:40
7. Who is this fourth kingdom? John 11:45-48
8. What is the fifth metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:33, Daniel 2:41-43

9. What is the sixth object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:34, Daniel 2:44-45
10. What are we told about the timeline? Daniel 2:29, Daniel 2:45
11. What tells us that God's kingdom comes while Europe is divided (represented by the 10 toes, understood by just about all denominations to mean such despite the lack of a verse since the occurrence happened in the fifth century, well beyond Bible times)? Daniel 2:41, Daniel 2:43, Daniel 2:44

**February 2021 Questions and Answers**

## How important is personal Bible study?

1. What makes the Bible more than just a human invention? 2 Peter 1:20-21 “They were] moved by the Holy Ghost.”
2. Who is the real Author? 1 Corinthians 14:32-33 “God is ... the author”.
3. What is the purpose of the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”
4. Despite numerous denominations, what two types of doctrines are there? 2 John 1:9 “not in the doctrine of Christ” and “the doctrine of Christ”.
5. What command and example is given to us that makes regularly

studying the Bible important? John 5:39, Acts 17:11 “Search the scriptures” and “searched the scriptures daily”.

6. Although anyone can get anything they want from the Bible, how are we to study the Bible? 2 Timothy 2:15 “rightly dividing the word of truth”.
7. What instruction is given that helps us achieve proper Bible study? Isaiah 28:9-10 “weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts” [Move up from the simple Bible stories to] “For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept” [guiding principle like the principle of not killing includes not killing others or even ourselves]; “line upon line, line upon line” [verses of the Bible]; here a little, [and] there a little” [including parts of

verses]. [The bottom line is to gather every verse that directly states the subject, every general principle that may be applicable to the subject, and if the subject is inside a list of items, gather even the little parts that apply.]

8. What power does the scriptures have if applied properly? John 8:31-32 “the truth shall make you free.”
9. What do Bible study and adherence to what is discovered show towards God? John 14:23-24 “love”.
10. Those who want to be called Christian and yet do not want to really find what the scriptures truly mean – what do they do to the scriptures? 2 Peter 3:16 “wrest” or twist or misapply or excuse away.



## Questions & Answers

### Question: What role does the nation of Israel play in end time prophecy?

**Answer:** The short answer is none.

Now, before those who are into the “Left Behind” series, and have been taught about World War III involving Israel against the antichrist and numerous nations, etc., happen to quickly dismiss this answer, please read on, for we challenge such people to see for yourselves that you will not be arguing with me, but with numerous scriptures. The “Left Behind” series is nothing short of sensationalism based all upon implication and even a vision by a false prophet around 1900; this theory used to be fully rejected by all Protestant de-

nominations up until that time. It was looked upon as a Satanic gesture to introduce a different understanding of events and twist scripture, but not anymore. It has, unfortunately, become embraced in just about every denomination, and the proper understanding has been labeled as bigoted, among other labels.

Let us start with the Book of Revelation containing references to seven churches in chapters 1, 2, and 3. That is followed by references to Israel, Jerusalem, synagogue, temple, and many more Jewish references all through most of the rest of Revelation. The implication is that the Christians will have been raptured away,

but that is all it is – an implication. And that implication is being used to do away with the rest of the Book of Revelation. Why would a Christian read it if it does not apply? This sounds like a move Satan would make and have many preachers going along with it despite being told “if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life” (Revelation 22:19). In other words, believing in this theory surrounding literal Israel by implication has successfully taken away the words of the prophecy from the intended recipients, Christians, by making it appear as using scripture to do so when it is just an implication.

Basically, all of Revelation is significant to Christians and Satan does not want any Christian to know that.

There is not an explicit verse that tells us that the focus is upon literal Israel. Further, assuming the inference would be correct, a physical battle with antichrist, being a person and not what Revelation reveals (Revelation 14:8), and his army has no bearing on salvation. What we have is the same mistake from the first coming of Christ where the Pharisees and teachers of the day focused upon physical elements. So, when they read and taught using the reference to the King coming in and ruling, they were thinking of Him physically on the throne beating back the physical enemy, which they assumed to be the Romans, and setting up Israel as a world influencing power. They missed that Christ would defeat the enemy of all enemies – Satan, by going to the cross, and would be humble throughout His life overcoming pride, “was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin” (Hebrews 4:15), and many more spiritual applications. Therefore, to be a Jew in the last day and successfully fighting against antichrist would not negate the sins they hold onto like murder, adultery, etc. They still would be lost even if they won the physical battle. “God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

Besides, Paul even told us that only Jews are going to Heaven for only those of Abraham’s seed are referenced (Galatians 3:16). Even John in the Book of Revelation calls the city of God the New Jerusalem (Revelation 3:12, 21:2). That is Jewish speak. He further states that the saved enter into the city through one of the twelve tribal gates (Revelation 21). Basically, no Gentile will be

saved. Please ponder that for a moment and let us work it out through scripture.

“If ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:29). That is not a physical connection to being of Abraham’s seed, but if we are of Christ, called Christian, we are spiritually of Abraham’s seed. Clearly stated, “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God” (Romans 2:28-29). Therefore, we have to be Jews on the inside in order to enter into the kingdom.

God is the actual author of the Bible (1 Corinthians 14:33), therefore, He can switch from churches to Jewish language in Revelation as He wills it. All of the unfulfilled, yet future, prophecies about Israel, especially from the Old Testament, are referring to this continuation of Israel as spiritual Jews applied to literal Christians.

Again, do not take our word for it, but regarding Israel physically, Jesus said explicitly, “The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof” (Matthew 21:43). Physical Israel lost the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the world, especially since they actually hoarded it to themselves to the exclusion of everyone else, even to their own people. That nation that Jesus referred to would be the physical Gentile nation, which incorporates every nation, except Israel.

Above it was stated that no Gentile would be saved. We are not contradicting that statement. That is because every Gentile needs to be-

come a spiritual Jew. Only spiritual Jews will be saved. Physical Gentiles may be saved through becoming a spiritual Jew.

Jesus further said, “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains” (Mark 13:14). This is in reference to Daniel 9:27, which says, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” A lot of Christians are being taught that this is the 7-year tribulation when in fact, this is all about the events surrounding the first coming of Christ for “the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ” (Galatians 3:17). The sacrifices ceased being acceptable to God when “behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent” (Matthew 27:51). This event happened as “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost” (Matthew 27:50). Beforehand, Jesus said, “Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the

Lord” (Matthew 23:36-39). And that generation that Jesus said was with them experienced the ultimate desolation when the Romans caused Israel to cease as a nation in 70 AD. “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh” (Luke 21:20). When those words were spoken in 31 AD, many were still alive come 70 AD. For the “house is left unto you desolate” means that from God’s perspective, there is no coming back. Therefore, the nation that is pretending to be Israel today is only a defiant act instigated by Satan to distract from the true understanding of scripture. It is no less of a sin to be pointing to literal Israel today and claim that they are still God’s people than it was when the Israelites tried to take the Promised Land wanting to avoid the wandering in the desert as a punishment from God because of unbelief (Numbers 14). In other words, Jesus declared that Israel, Jerusalem specifically, would be “left desolate” and it is today’s Christian preachers who are rebelling against those words by telling congregations of end time prophecies involving the literal nation of Israel, missing the spiritual application of Jewish references.

The understanding that Daniel 9:27 has already been fulfilled is further confirmed by a right understanding of Daniel 9:24. Daniel is told, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” That is a 70-week prophecy of prophetic time in which, just about all churches agree, “each day for a year” principle is applied (Numbers

14:34, Ezekiel 4:6), and we have a 490-year prophecy pointing from shortly after Daniel’s time until the Messiah. The number 490 is arrived at by taking 70 weeks times 7 days in a week. The 70-week prophecy was not stated as 69 weeks and 1 week are at the end of time are determined upon Daniel’s people. It was stated as 70-weeks. That is one block of time.

Now, events do take place inside of the 70 weeks noted by “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks” (Daniel 9:25) in which the Messiah shows up [a score is 20 so 7 weeks plus 3 times 20 weeks and two more weeks is 69 weeks, or 483 days], which places Jesus at the baptismal scene right on time in 27 AD, and being anointed by the Holy Spirit, as Daniel stated in the words “to anoint the most Holy”, then confirmed by the voice of God the Father. “And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost” (John 1:32-33). Using shorthand in Daniel 9:26, it is stated that “after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off” instead of saying, “after seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks”, in which the messenger focused on the last two-thirds of the time frame, and that happened as predicted. The Messiah was indeed “cut off”, which means to die, but He did not die of old age, an accidental death, or anything personal, because it was “not for himself” but for others. “He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world” (1 John 2:2). In other words,

Jesus died for us, which leads into Daniel 9:27 being part of 9:26, which is part of 9:25 and 9:24.

After all of that, we are then seeing that Jesus referred to a specific timeline in which the nation of Israel would no longer be of a physical importance to God, but rather that the Gentile nation would carry the gospel instead. So, both Jesus and Daniel specify that in 34 AD, at the event of stoning of Stephen, as 31 AD was just “the midst of the week” or middle of the last seven years for the nation of Israel in which Jesus died and it would “cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” or be of any significance to God. After that, in 70 AD, it became physically desolate.

And preachers today really misinterpret it knowingly, because the last battle with antichrist is not with nuclear bombs, tanks, or even armies. “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:7-9). It is a doctrinal warfare of which Satan has won most of Christianity to His side because most Christians are taught that doctrines do not matter; just believe!

So, to apply any role to literal Israel regarding end time prophecy is sheer rebellion against what God has spoken, a twisting of the scriptures in Daniel, and thinking physically when God is on a spiritual level and interested in people’s hearts.



# News and Comments

**December 18**

**Africa News**

## **Tanzania to use local herbs instead of vaccine against Covid-19**

"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40). And this applies to any subject in which if we stop preaching the truth, others even not of the faith, which the government of Tanzania is not of the faith, would cry out the truth.

**December 29**

**The Guardian**

## **WHO warns Covid-19 pandemic is 'not necessarily the big one'**

The world is gearing up with a stronger fulfillment of Revelation 18:23, where it says, "by thy sorceries were all nations deceived." The word "sorceries" is "pharmakeia" in the Greek. So, the pharmaceutical industry would be used to deceive all of the nations. How nice of them to announce the next round of taking over the world.

**December 29**

**The Jewish Voice**

## **12,000 NYC Students Banned From School For Not Consenting To Random Covid Tests**

Yet more infringement upon our rights. The constitution was never created to be set aside during a crisis. Yes, everyone needs to be responsible, but when there is unnecessary force, the line is crossed. Yes, Revelation 13:16 is about forcing a "Mark of the Beast", but the words that are being practiced are "he

causeth all" as if there is nothing stopping the overreaching governmental practices.

**December 31**

**MSN**

## **LA begins issuing digital vaccine verification receipts**

Revelation 13:16 refers "to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads" and Revelation 13:17 states "that no man might buy or sell". If people do not think it is possible – think again. Apparently under the COVID crisis, everything is possible. Vaccine verifications are not the Mark, but the attitude is there. It will not take much to switch over to the actual Mark, especially when another article by Bloomberg runs with the title "Los Angeles Vaccine Recipients Can Put the Proof in Apple Wallet" (12/28/2020).

**January 10**

**BBC**

## **Google suspends 'free speech' app Parler**

The article includes "Analysis: Necessary or draconian action?" We ask, "Are these 'private companies' acting on behalf of the government acting like a dragon removing the rights of the constitution in the guise of social media?" "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). Additional instruments to take away free speech, "Media powerhouse tells conservative hosts: Shut up about

election fraud or get fired!" - WND, January 11.

**January 13**

**Reuters**

## **No mask, no money? HSBC warns UK customers they could FORFEIT their accounts if they don't obey pandemic rules**

As stated before, many Christians are expecting the "Mark of the Beast" (Revelation 13:17), in which buying and selling will be controlled. As pointed out previously, many Christians are looking for financial objects as being the Mark like credit cards, chips, and even bar codes. In the meantime, objects like masks, are being completely ignored solely because masks have nothing to do with finances. Now with headlines like this, we see that those financial items are nothing but trackers while the actual Mark, which is not the mask by the way, is unrelated to the financial connection and is being snuck in. The end of Daniel 7 tells us exactly what that Mark is, but hardly anyone believes how simple it is.

**January 13**

**Fox 13 News**

## **Teen daughter turns in family for taking part in DC protests**

Matthew 10:21 says, "the children shall rise up against [their] parents, and cause them to be put to death." Right now it is jail or fines, but the spirit of disagreeing with parents to the point of turning them over to the authorities is here.

**January 14**

**Forbes**

**A New Coalition Forms to Make Digital Vaccine ID Cards a Reality**

Revelation 13:17 says, "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." The world is being moved into unison of dealing with issues and eventually the mark will be introduced. These trackers, like the digital vaccine id cards, are not the mark but they are tracking something. Currently, they are tracking if a person received the vaccine or not; eventually, it will track to see if the Mark has been received or not.

**January 18**

**Time**

**‘Everyone Thinks I’m a Terrorist’: Capitol Riot Fuels Calls for Domestic War on Terror**

Matthew 5:11 says, "Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Conservatives are being falsely labeled preparing for potential justification where "they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:9).

**January 21**

**Must Read Alaska**

**Biden orders girls’ and women’s sports, restrooms, locker rooms open to males**

There is to be distinction between men and women according to the Bible (Deuteronomy 22:5). More

than homosexuality was transpiring in Sodom and yet, "Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 1:7). Basically, we are inconveniencing and depriving over 96% of the American population for a few that are confused, others cheating (just to win in sports), and several who are just perverted.

**January 27**

**CNET**

**Double masking for COVID-19: Why Fauci recommends wearing two masks at once**

3 John 1:2 says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth", and two masks are not the answer. Full health message so as not to be counted among the weak is actually the answer.

**January 27**

**Christian Post**

**HuffPost blaming Christian curriculum for Capitol riots is slanderous**

Matthew 5:11 tells us, "Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Christianity is being framed. Do not ignore but become informed.

**January 27**

**ABC News**

**Pope marking Holocaust warns another genocide possible**

Could the pope be prophesying that the prophecy in Daniel 11:44 is soon to be fulfilled? "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."



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## Natural Remedies

### Cabbage Poultice

- Cut away one whole cabbage leaf from the head and place on solid surface like a cutting board.
- Pound leaf with a small hammer or other such object,

breaking up the fibers until the leaf 'bleeds'.

- Apply the leaf directly on the painful area such as a broken bone or arthritic joint for relief.

- Secure in place with gauze and cover with plastic wrap.
- Change poultice about every two hours.

